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* PERSIA	7,951	W. A. Wheler	10th ,,
M.L. PENINSULAR	5,287	T. Leigh	17th ,,
* CALEDONIA	7,558	E. H. Gordon	24th ,,
M.L. PERSIA	7,951	W. A. Wheler	31st ,,
* EGYPT	7,912	G. L. Langborne	7th June
M.L. CALEDONIA	7,558	E. H. Gordon	14th ,,
* ORIENTAL	5,284	F. N. Tillard	21st ,,
M.L. EGYPT	7,912	G. L. Langborne	28th ,,

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

AN ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on THURSDAY, the 8th May, 1902, at 3 P.M., for the consideration of the following business:—

1. Letter from the Secretary, Joint Schools Committee—Forwarding the School Fund Budget for the year 1902-1903.
2. Letter from the Secretary, Joint Schools Committee—Forwarding excerpts from the proceedings of the Committee's meeting held on the 2nd April 1902.
3. Memorandum from the Commissioner—Forwarding a statement showing the number of houses visited, &c., for purposes of the Epidemic Diseases Act for the quarter ending the 31st March 1902.
4. Memorandum from the Commissioner—Forwarding a return of sick treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road for the quarter ending the 31st March 1902.
5. Letter from Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Bart—Applying for seven months' leave of absence.
6. Letter from the Commissioner—Requesting sanction to the permanent closing of an old public well at the corner of Khetwadi 6th Lane.
7. Letter from the Commissioner—Reporting as to the causes of the break in the Tansa Duct at Bhandup on the 19th February 1902, as to the steps taken to notify the stoppage of water, and the arrangements made to supply water to the deprived localities.

Resolutions of the Standing Committee—

8. recommending sanction to the legal expenses in connection with the acquisition of Mr. Mulchand Jethanand's property at Matunga being defrayed from the grant of Rs. 11,569 provided for the purchase of that property and of two others.
9. Recommending sanction to a grant of Rs. 969 from Surplus Cash Balance to meet an excess in the Budget grant for election expenses.
10. Forwarding for information a letter from the Commissioner regarding the Jackaria Musjid Street and Umerkhadi Street Markets.
11. Recommending that, in reply to their petitions praying for the continuance of grain compensation, the Municipal peons and biggaries who have petitioned be informed that their request cannot be complied with.
12. Letter from the Commissioner—Forwarding a report from the Executive Health Officer as to the pollution of the water-supply owing to flushing tanks being directly connected with sewers and drains.

Resolutions of the Standing Committee—

13. Recommending sanction to the 3" mains in the locality between Babula Tank Road and Musjid Bunder Road being replaced by 4" mains.
14. Recommending sanction to a grant of Rs 10,687-9-8 to make up the proportion debitable to Current Revenue of the expenditure incurred in connection with the Arthur Road Infectious Diseases Hospital during 1900-1901.
15. Recommending sanction to full pay instead of half pay being granted to the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade for four months out of the ten months for which he has been granted furlough.
16. Letter from the Commissioner—Submitting a report as to the measures necessary for the conservancy of the gathering grounds of the Bombay water-supply lakes.
17. Letter from the Commissioner—Submitting a report as to the advisability and practicability of drawing off water from the bottom of the Tulsi Lake every year in the monsoon.

Resolutions of the Standing Committee—

18. Recommending sanction to an extension of the market at the junction of Fergusson and DeLisle Roads.
19. Recommending sanction to the cost, Rs. 917-3-0, of connecting the dead-ends of water service mains at Babula Tank Road being met from certain savings.
20. Recommending sanction to a grant of Rs. 780 to meet the cost of maintaining for six months a special establishment for the collection of the Wheel Tax on Cycles.
21. Recommending sanction to a grant of Rs. 200 for payment of the compassionate allowance due to the family of a late Sub-Inspector in the Health Department.
22. Forwarding for information their Resolution approving of rates for water and drainage pipes and fittings, &c., the percentage to be allowed to plumbers and the fee for taxing their bills, &c.
23. Memorandum from the Municipal Secretary—Forwarding a list of such reports as have been asked for by the Corporation from the Municipal Commissioner since the 1st April 1898, but have not been submitted.
24. Letter from Dr. Dubois-Havenith—Inviting the Corporation to send delegates to the Second International Conference for the prevention of venereal diseases, to be held at Brussels on 1st September 1902.
25. Report of the Committee of the Corporation on the proposal to give an extra assistant to the Chief Accountant.
26. Report of the Committee of the Corporation on the sufficiency and legality of the water Rules for 1901-1902.
27. Report of the Committee of the Corporation on such portions of the Amended Draft Municipal Act as referred to Municipal elections.
28. Further report of the Committee of the Corporation on revision of rules for water Taps &c.
29. Report of the Committee of the Corporation on the proposed construction of a bridge over the B. B. & C. I. Railway, in connection with the city Improvement scheme No. III.
30. Report of the Committee of the Corporation on the desirability of appointing in Bombay a Special Magistrate or a Bench of Honorary Magistrates for the trial of Municipal cases.

NEW NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

31. From Mr. Jehangir Bomanji Petit—For requesting the Standing Committee to expedite their report on the memorial from the Bombay Mill-owner's Association regarding the rate charged for water supplied for trade purposes.
32. From Mr. N. N. Katrak—For rescinding Corporation Resolution sanctioning special regulations respecting the grant of special leave and the payment of special allowances to Municipal officers employed on Plague duties.
33. From Mr. Jehangir Bomanji Petit—For expressing opinion that the Commissioner should acquire as many properties as possible to open up the Cavel district.
34. From Mr Jaffar Rahimtoola—For appointing a Committee to report as to the advisability of supplying water to districts outside the local limits of the City.
35. From Mr. Kaikhosro N. Kabraji—For requesting the Commissioner to arrange for lighting the street lamps on the nights of all total eclipses of the moon.
36 and 37. From Mr. Nadirshaw H. E. Sukhia—(36.) For obtaining from the Commissioner information as to why the plague mortality in Municipals Hospital is higher than that in private Hospitals and as to remedial measures (37.) For authorizing the Secretary to issue to Councillors files of Committees after their reports are published.

By order of the President,

M. N. WADIA,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office Bombay 29th April, 1902.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 29th instant to 13th May, 1902, both days inclusive.

J. W. HEPWORTH,
Secretary and Manager,
ALCOCK ASHDOWN & Co., Ld.

Bombay, th 29 April, 1902.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

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FRED. GAINSFORD,
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Municipal Office, Calcutta, the 17th April, 1902.

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Bombay	G. I. P. R.	Dep.	14	30	41 10
Poona	S. M. R.	Arr.	18	45	
		Dep.	19	15	
Hubli	,,	Dep.	15	14	
Bangalore	,,	Arr.	7	40	

			H.	M.	Time H. M.
Bangalore	S. M. R.	Dep.	17	0	42 5
Hubli	,,	Dep.	10	2	
Poona	G. I. P. R.	Arr.	6	15	
		Dep.	6	55	
Bombay		Arr.	11	5	

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			H.	M.	Time H. M.
Calcutta	B. N. R.	Dep.	21	50	63 30
Waltair	M. R.	Dep.	19	30	
Bezwada	R. M. R.	Arr.	4	18	
		Dep.	6	0	
Guntakal	,,	Dep.	0	40	
Bangalore	,,	Arr.	13	20	

			H.	M.	Time H. M.
Bangalore City	S. M. R.	Dep.	13	35	63 25
Guntakal	S. M. R.	Dep.	1	55	
Bezwada	M. R.	Arr.	20	25	
		Dep.	21	29	
Waltair		Dep.	6	50	
Calcutta	B. N. R	Arr.	5	40	

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W. B. WRIGHT,
Traffic Manager.

Dharwar, 24th April, 1902.

SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY.

ALTERATIONS IN PASSENGER TRAINS.

THE PUBLIC are informed that from the 1st May, 1902, the TIME TABLES for certain Trains on this Railway will be REVISED, and particular attention is called to the TIMING of the following trains:—

POONA-BANGALORE SECTION.

1. There will be no change in the MAIL TRAINS between Poona and Bangalore which will leave Poona at 19-15 and Bangalore at 17-0 daily as at present.
2. The DOWN MIXED TRAINS leaving Poona at 8-15 will arrive at Belgaum at 3-11 the next morning, Hubli 10-45 and Bangalore 16-25 the following day.
3. The UP MIXED TRAIN will leave Bangalore at 10-30 instead of 7-45 and run through to Poona arriving there at 18-15.
4. LOCAL MIXED TRAINS will leave Hubli at 8-5 arriving Belgaum at 2-5 and leave Belgaum at 10-35 arriving Hubli at 18-15.
5. The UP LOCAL MIXED TRAIN will leave Belgaum at 10-45 and arrive Poona at 12-40. The DOWN LOCAL MIXED TRAIN will leave Poona 22-50 and arrive Belgaum 21-45.

BANGALORE-MYSORE-NANJANGUD SECTIONS.

6. The UP MIXED TRAIN from Mysore will start at 20 hours instead of 20-20 and arrive at Bangalore at 5-10 the next morning.
7. The DOWN MIXED TRAIN from Bangalore, will leave at 23 hours instead of 22-10 and arrive at Mysore at 7-30 next morning.
8. There will be no other changes in the Local trains between Bangalore, Mysore and Nanjangud.

HUBLI-GUNTAKAL SECTION.

9. There will be no material changes in the UP and DOWN MIXED MAIL TRAINS between Guntakal and Hubli.
10. The DOWN MIXED TRAIN now leaving Hubli at 7-0 will start at 11-30, Hospet at 18-27 and Bellary at 21-45, and arrive Guntakal at 23-50 connecting there with the Mixed Mail trains, southwards to Bangalore, and eastwards to Bezwada.
11. The Up Mixed Train now leaving Guntakal 7-0 will start at 2 hours for Bellary, Hospet and Hubli, arriving at Hubli at 14-50 instead of 18-0 hours.

BEZWADA-GUNTAKAL AND GUNTAKAL-BANGALORE SECTIONS.

12. The DOWN MAIL TRAIN now leaving Guntakal at 18-50, and arriving Bangalore at 5-35 and the Up Mail Train now leaving Bangalore at 19-35 and arriving Guntakal at 6-9, WILL BE DISCONTINUED.
13. A MIXED MAIL TRAIN will leave Bezwada at 6-0 instead of 19-10 after arrival of the East Coast Mail from Calcutta and arrive Guntakal at 0-25 leaving there at 0-40 and arrive Bangalore at 13-20.
14. A LOCAL DOWN MIXED TRAIN will leave Guntakal at 7-20 hours and arrive at Donakonda at 0-55.
15. A LOCAL UP MIXED TRAIN will leave Donakonda at 2-0 hours and arrive at Guntakal at 17-0 hours, connecting there with the Mail train to Madras.
16. A LOCAL DOWN MIXED TRAIN will leave Donakonda at 23-20 hours and arrived at Bezwada at 3-45 connecting there with the Mail Train to Madras, and the UP LOCAL MIXED TRAIN will leave Bezwada at 22-0 hours and arrive at Donakonda at 5-55 hours.
17. A MIXED MAIL TRAIN will leave Bangalore at 13-35 and arrive Guntakal at 1-35 leaving there at 1-55 for Bezwada, where it will arrive at 20-25 the following day, connecting with the Mail train to Calcutta.
18. The DOWN MIXED TRAIN will leave Guntakal at 7-10 instead of 7-25 and arrive at Bangalore at 21-40. The UP MIXED TRAIN will leave Bangalore at 5-20 hours and arrive Guntakal at 18-5 hours.
19. The TRAINS OVER THE KOLHAPUR, BIJAPUR AND SHIMOGA BRANCHES have been altered where necessary to connect with Main Line trains.
20. For full particulars see the Sheet Time Tables exhibited at Stations, and the Coaching Tariff and Time Table Book, published by the Company.

W. B. WRIGHT,
Traffic Manager.

Traffic Manager's Office, Dharwar, 24th April, 1902.

CORONATION DARBAR DELHI, 1903.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

BONA-FIDE SALE

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Tamarind Lane, Fort, the office furniture and safes of the office of Messrs Roughton and Byrne, Solicitors, consisting of blackwood and teakwood office tables, chairs, glass cupboards, pigeon holes, benches, one large iron fire proof safe on stand, punkhas, &c., &c.

The above is on view.

AUCTION SALE OF JEWELLERY.

Pursuant to the decree made in suit No 678 of 1901 (where in Bhimjeebhoy Framjee Kavarana was plaintiff and Cursetjee Byramjee Cooksey defendant), Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 1st proximo, at 2 p.m. sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, diamond, ruby and pearl brooch, gold photo brooch, diamond, ruby and emerald rings, gold necklace and bracelets, gold safety pins, gold watches and chains, gold earrings and lockets, gold buttons, ruby and pearl earring, &c., &c.

The above is on view.

On SATURDAY, the 3rd proximo, Messrs BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, quantity of Grey and Coloured piece-goods, &c.

AT 1-30 P.M.

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AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE BUNGALOW KNOWN AS "WADIA LODGE," AT MATHERAN.

Under instructions from the executrix of the late Bai Meherbai Ardeseer Wadia, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will on MONDAY, the 5th proximo, at 4 p.m., sell by Public Auction at their Rooms the bungalow known as "Wadia Lodge" at Matheran together with the whole of the furniture and outhouses and about 6 acres and 22 gunthas of land known as plot No 87.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE BUNGALOWS KNOWN AS "CHARLOTTE VILLA" AND "LAKE VIEW" AT MAHABLESHWAR.

Under instructions from the executrix of the late Mr Cowverjee Ardesheer, Mail Contractor, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th proximo, at 4 p.m., sell by Public Auction at their Rooms the bungalow known as "Charlotte Villa" with furniture, containing 4 acres and 23 gunthas of land. The bungalow is centrally situated in one of the best localities and commands a very good view. It is near the Bazar and Post Office, and has five bed rooms with bath rooms, drawing and dining rooms, cook house, stable for three horses and carriages and 4 servants' quarters. Also the bungalow known as "Lake View" with furniture, next to the abovementioned bungalow, containing 2 acres and 30 gunthas of land. It has drawing and dining-room, 2 bed rooms with bath rooms, cook house, stables for 2 horses and carriages, and 5 servants' quarters. It commands a very good view of the lake.

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On SATURDAY, the 10th proximo, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Ripon Mill, Haines Road, near Jacob Circle, Byculla, the valuable and handsome, blackwood and teakwood, plain and carved French-polished household furniture, made by Mackenzie and others, rich glass and crockeryware, best platedware, first rate pictures and oleographs, one mahogany square piano by Schiedmayer and Soahne, one mahogany telescopic dining table, handsome China and Japanese flower vases and table ornaments, Hinks and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, one Singer's sewing machine, &c., &c., the property of J. ENTMISTIE Esquire, Manager, Ripon Mill.

Catalogues will be published and the property on view four days before the sale.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 30th April, 1902.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE NEW FURNITURE.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 1 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Esplanade Road, Fort, next to Bombay Club, very valuable and handsome French-polished blackwood and teakwood household new furniture, made by Madrasi carpenters, consisting of dining table and chairs, large marble top sideboard, dumb waiters, walnut marble top tables, and teapoys, drawing room suite of sofas and chairs lined silk tapestry, chiffoniers and cabinets, book cases, office tables, easy chairs, plain topped teapoys, bedstead, mirror door single and double almyras, clothes presses, chest of drawers, dressing and wash hand tables, etc.

Catalogues are ready and the property is on view.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 1st proximo, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Tata Building, Wellington Lines, Cooperage, and opposite the Band Stand, the valuable and handsome French polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture of the latest design, platedware, crockery and glassware rich table ornaments, wind proof lamps, Brussels carpets, etc., the property of CHARLES GOLDSPINK, ESQ.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

SALE OF 200 TONS NEW DELHI BROWN RAPESEED.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 1st proximo, at 3 p.m. Messrs CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at Dana Bunder, in the godown of Tullockchund Mamraj by order of Hurdatrai Rampurtab and on account and at the risk of Goormukhrai Sukhanand—

200 tons new Delhi brown rapeseed.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

SALE OF 200 TONS NEW DELHI BROWN RAPESEED.

On FRIDAY, the 2nd proximo, at 3 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at Dana Bunder, in the godown of Tullockchund Mamraj, by order of Hurdatrai Rampurtab and on account and the risk of Fulchund Lachminaron—

200 tons new Delhi brown rapeseed.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

SALE OF 200 TONS NEW DELHI BROWN RAPESEED.

On SATURDAY, the 3rd proximo, at 3 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at Cullian Street, Dana Bunder, in the godown of Messrs Nanseebhoy Khairaz and Co. by order of Hurdatrai Rampurtab, and on account and at the risk of Fulchund Lachminaron—

200 tons new Delhi brown rapeseed.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

SALE OF GOLD AND SILVER ORNAMENTS.

Under instructions from the Administrator General, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, on MONDAY, the 5th proximo at 2 p.m., the effects of the late Bhimabai, consisting of gold (sari (neck ornament), toolsipatia, gathia, vajratick, gote, head and ear ornaments, nose ring set with pearls, silver ankiets, finger rings, etc.

Under instructions from the Administrator-General, Messrs CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, on MONDAY, the 5th proximo, at 2 p.m., the effects of the late Keshvji Mundenji, consisting of gold neck chain, ivory bangles mounted with gold leaves, gold rings, earring, silver toe rings, goblets, silk and cotton wearing apparel, copper, brass and German silver utensils, cupboard, pictures, box-shaped safe, etc.

SALE OF 375 TONS NEW DELHI BROWN RAPESEED.

On TUESDAY, the 6th proximo, Messrs CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the places and time mentioned below by order of Hurdatrai Rampurtab and on account and at the risk of the following persons,—

On account and at the risk of Tarachund Sitaram, at Dana Bunder, in the godown of Tullockchund Mamraj, at 2 p.m.—

100 tons new Delhi brown rapeseed.

On account and at the risk of Goolabchund Bharani, at Cullian Street, Dana Bunder, in the godown of Messrs Nanseebhoy Khairaz and Co. at 3 p.m.—

50 tons new Delhi brown rapeseed.

On account and at the risk of Lachminaron Bharani, at Cullian Street, Dana Bunder, in the godown of Messrs Nanseebhoy Khairaz and Co. at 3 p.m.—

125 tons new Delhi Brown rapeseed.

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SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY AT NARRON DHURU STREET.

Under instructions from Mr. Khanderao Harrychandra Mooranjan, Executor of the last will and testament of the late Harrychandra Wasoodeo Mooranjan, the Assignee and transferee of an indenture of mortgage bearing date the 25th day of October, 1895, and made between Chintaman Narayan Gorey, of the one part and Harrychundra Wasoodeo, Nanabhai Wasoodeo, and Wamon Wasoodeo of the other part under an indenture of Assignment dated the 29th day of August, 1895, and made between the said Nanabhai Wasoodeo Mooranjan, Wamon Wasoodeo Mooranjan and Nathuram Ramchandra Mooranjan of the one part and the said Harischandra Wasoodeo Mooranjan of the other part. Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction at the premises on WEDNESDAY the 14th day of May, 1902, at 4 p. m. the undermentioned property pursuant to the power of sale contained in the said indenture of mortgage and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor, the said Chintamanrao Narayen Gorey.

For full particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Undersigned.

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BONA FIDE SALE.

On a date to be hereafter fixed, Messrs CRAWFORD & Co will sell by Public Auction at "Craighow," Lands End Road Malabar Hill the valuable household furniture gardenplans &c., the property of F W SHAW Esq.

CRAWFORD & CO.

Bombay, 30th April, 1902.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, APRIL 28.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	£94 1-2	=	— 1-8
3 per cent. Rentes	£100 3-4	=	— 1-4
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	£109	=	unchanged
3½ per cent. Govt. Securities	£84 7-8	=	..
Bar Silver in London	23 3-4	=	— 1-16
Bar Silver in New York	51 3-8	=	— 3-8
Exchange on London at Paris	25·18	=	— 1-2
Berlin Cheque on London	20·48 1-2	=	unchanged
Exchange on New York	4·87 7-8	=	plus 1-8
Discount, Bank of England, 3 per cent.		=	unchanged
,, Short London Bills 2 7-8	,,	=	do
,, Indian Bank Bills 2 7-8	,,	=	do

Rapeseed Yellow Cawnpore, 40. May-June. Sellers. Tone firmer.

Rapeseed Brown, 37 3-2, May-June. Sellers. Tone firmer.

White Karachi Wheat, 29 1-2 April-May Sellers.
Red do do 29 ,, ,,

Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Surats quiet. Manchester was firm. Total sales 12,000 bales. Sold on speculation and for export 1,500 bales. Surats nil. Imports 7,000. Spot 5 11-32 plus 1-32. Arrivals closed steady.

Apl.	Apl.-May.	June-July.	Sept.-Oct.	Dec.-Jan.
5·14	5·13	5·12	4·50	4·37
plus 6	plus 5	plus 5	plus 3	plus 2

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	8,000	bales.
Do. last year	23,000	..
Exports to Great Britain	12,000	..
Do. to Continent	12,000	..
Mid-Uplands	9 7-8	plus 3-16
Futures, month of July	9·63	plus 19
Do. do. Oct.	8·37	plus 12

Arrival—"Thorndale."

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Monday, the 28th April, 1902 :—

Cotton	10,383	bales.
Wheat	28,739	cwts.
Linseed	31,098	,,
Rapeseed	23,172	,,
Gingellyseed	1,212	,,
Poppyseed	21,897	,,
Groundnuts	913	,,
Castorseed	8,411	,,
Rice	45,393	,,
Myrabollams	9,167	,,
Cottonseed	20,803	,,

Goat skin sales opened to-day with fair dever and Goat skin Bombay common quality dull and price 1s. 2d. to 1d. lower.

Number of Goat skins offered 1,028,000
,, Sheep ,, ,, ... 1,199,000

BOMBAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 29.

EXCHANGE—Tone steady.

Bank T. T.			1s 3 29-32d to 1s. 3 15-16d
Bank Demand			1s 3 15-16d
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.			1s 4 1-8d
Do	6 do	do	1s 4 1-4d
French Francs	3 do	do	169 1-4
Marks	3 do	do	137 3-4
Hongkong	30 Days Sight		125 1-2
Shanghai	30 ,,	,,	169 1-2
Japan	30 ,,	,,	149 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone Firm.

Cash	98-2
1st Settlement	98-2
2nd	98-0

Money Market :—Tone easy.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since	6th February	3	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do.	10th April	6	do
Bank of Bengal do.	3rd April	6	do
Bank of Madras do.	7th February	8	do

SEEDS.—

Linseed.—Tone Firm.

Ready	9 14
Forward, May-June	9 14

Rapeseed.—Tone Firm.

Brown Cawnpore, Ready	6 5 to 6 7
Do. Forward, May-June	6 5 to 6 7
Yellow Cawnpore Ready	6 14
do Forward May-June	6 14

Poppyseed.—Tone steady.

Ready	8 9 6
Forward, May-June	8 9 6

Castorseed—Tone steady.

Ready	27 8
Forward, May-June	28 0

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

Growths.	Fine.	F.-G.	Good.	Delivery.
Bengals, H.-G. (Ry. terms)	179	173	167	to 25 May
Bengals, M.-G. (Ry. terms)	189	183	...	do.
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	189	183	...	do.
Belati (M.-G.)	200	194	...	do.
Khandeish, (M.-G.)	...	188	...	do.
Dhamangam Poolgam	203	197	...	do.
Oomra goods staple	...	204	...	do.
Akola M.-G. Khamgaon do. Karanja do.	...	198	193	do.
Broach do.	233	229	226	do.
Bhownugger H. G.	...	...	181	15-25 May
S-G. Dharwar	...	...	227	,,
Westerns	...	...	205	,,

COTTON—Tone Strong.

SUGAR.

According to Scheffer and Drascher's "Hamburg weekly report," all European sugar producing countries, except Russia, are reducing the area of land under beet. In Austria and France, the reduction amounts to 20 per cent., in Belgium and Holland it will be considerable. In the East Indies, it is expected that there will be a falling off in production of 20,000 tons, which points to a larger export of beet-sugar from Europe. The amount of sugar exported thence to Japan was increasing yearly, but in consequence of the steady lowering of the rates it had almost entirely stopped for some months past. Large orders, however, are now being booked, and if the market remain firm, business with Japan should revive. Cuba's increased production was 393,500 tons against 3,41,000 for the same period last year, but for the coming season it is estimated to amount to 240,000 tons more than that of this year's figure.

COFFEE.

In the last week of March the coffee market of Hamburg was disturbed by the failure of an important Coffee-import House. The house in question held a reserve of about 90,000 bags of coffee, so that a fall of the tenth of a penny in price, meant a loss of about 100,000 marks for the firm. These 90,000 bags are but a vanishing proportion of the general stock of coffee in the world, amounting to 11,375,000 bags besides the quantity not yet in sight, which would add several millions to it. Keeping this enormous reserve in mind, it is extraordinary that there have not been more failures, for every merchant has large stocks on hand. Continuous over-production and the consequent reduction in price must inevitably bring about ruin.

The highest prices realised at auctions in London for East India Coffee were :—102s. 6d. for Mysore at which figure four bags changed hands. 100s. 6d. was the next price, and 27 bags sold at that. The best figure for Neilgherry was ninety-six shillings, one lot going for that price. Wynaads rated up to 61s. and Naidoobatum to six pence less than a hundred shillings. Mysore had a larger quantity at auction than all other sorts together.

PETROLEUM.

In the American oil-districts, which were recently flooded, considerable damage was done and work was interrupted, but boring is again in full swing, and in the south-west some new oil-wells have been discovered. From Texas comes the information that in March more oil springs were found than in any previous period. South of Beaumont, Texas, one petroleum capitalist has erected five reservoirs to hold 5,000 barrels of oil preparatory to building a large refinery. Mr. James S. Hogg is in London organising an English Company which will start work in Beaumont with a capital of 15,000 dollars. It is said that Mr. L. V. T. Campbell who joined with Mr. Hogg represents the Standard Oil interests.

In the American navy a trial of oil fuel is being made 20,000 dollars being set apart for this object. Texas and Californian oil are being tried.

A rival to the Standard Oil Company has arisen in the Houston Oil Company which was started a few months ago with a capital of 30 million dollars. This company which commands a number of tank ships, wagons, and pipe conduits, intends to deal with earth-oil on a large scale. The house of Samuel and Co., according to an authority on petroleum, is hard at work extending the use of American—especially Texan-earth-oil. The firm has erected reservoirs in Egypt and is having special steamers built in England for the transport of petroleum, each of which will have a capacity of 12,000 tons.

In Germany oil fuel is being more and more utilised. A Hamburg firm Nathan, Phipp and Co., are utilising land near Hamburg erecting six large tanks, some of which are intended to receive Borneo and Texas oil-fuel, the others Naptha and other combustible oils. The "Morning Post" announces from Bagdad that Darcy, the Australian, has obtained a considerable concession in the south and south-east of Persia, for the exploitation of its earth-oil districts. His concession stretches along the valley of the Kerkha river and then in the direction of Schuster and Ahwas to Bushire and beyond.

THE FAMINE.

BOMBAY RELIEF MEASURES.

During the week ending April 19.—Slight rain fell in one taluka of Bijapur. The prices of of the staple food-grains rose slightly in Ahmedabad, Ahmednagar and Nasik. The district reports are summarised in an appendix.

A statement showing the progress of relief measures is appended. The result is an increase of 6,425 persons relieved, compared with the numbers for the preceding week.

	Preceding week.	Week under report.
Workers	156,771	160,522
Dependants	12,409	13,317
Gratuitously relieved in poor-house and villages	48,185	49,951
Total	217,365	223,790

The numbers on relief works, including dependants, have varied as follows:—Increase, Ahmedabad 3,431, Ahmednagar 2,245, Bijapur 1,183, Sholapur 785, Kaira 771, Khandesh 549, Surat 145, and Broach 38. Decrease, Panch Mahals 4,461, and Belgaum 22. The numbers in receipt of gratuitous relief in villages and poor-houses have decreased in the Panch Mahals by 1,674 and in Kaira by 453. The following relief works were opened during the week;—Ahmedabad, Excavating the tank at Jalalpur, Excavating the tank at Vathera, and Excavating the tank at Shiawada. Kaira, Hareri Tank. Bijapur, Mandapur Tank.

THE number of persons in receipt of relief during the preceding and present weeks in each province is shown in the following table :—

Name of Province.	Preceding week. Revised figures. Relief works.	Gratuitous relief.	Total.
British Provinces.			
Bombay and Sindh	170881	48193	219074
Punjab	......	2428	2428
Ajmer-Merwara	9515	956	10471
Total British Provinces	180396	51577	231973
Native States.			
Rajputana States	29659	4150	33809
Central India States	2784	1271	29114
Baroda	21274	10772	32046
Bombay Native States	41129	6394	47523
Total Native States	119905	22587	142193
Grand Total	300301	74164	374165

Name of Province.	Present Week. Relief works.	Gratuitous relief.	Total.	Increase or decrease.
British Provinces.				
Bombay and Sindh	171593	49857	221450	+ 2376
Punjab	...	...	*	— 2428
Ajmer-Merwara	10449	1051	11503	+ 1032
Total British Provinces	182042	50911	232953	+ 980
Native States.				
Rajputana States	31090	4317	35407	+ 1598
Central India States	31437	1381	32868	+ 3754
Baroda	21535	10725	32260	+ 214
Bombay Native States	33771	5057	38828	— 8695
Total Native States	117883	21480	139364	— 3109
Grand Total	299925	72391	372316	— 3129

* Figures are not reported.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle & Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	6	3	6
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	22	23	36
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	17	13	30
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpaty, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmee	7	5	11
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	13	14	26
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	2	11
G Mahim and Worli	6	5	15
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0		0
Hospitals	0	3	12
Total	71	68	157
Total plague deaths to date	112,731	96,613	
Same date last year	41	62	200

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, APRIL 29.

Tuesday.—Pressure has changed irregularly. A shallow depression has formed in Upper Sind. The low pressure area in the East and Central Provinces is unchanged in character and position. Another low pressure area has formed in the Deccan. Light showers have fallen in Assam, Bengal and Orissa and a few light showers in Upper Burmah and the south Peninsula. Jessore, Berhampore and Balashore have each received nearly one inch. showers more or less local in character will probably continue in Assam and Bengal and few showers may possibly occur in the Deccan. Light rain has fallen in Persia where the weather is slightly unsettled and skies are cloudy. In Baluchistan the depression in Sind is up to the present of no importance. The temperature during the past 24 hours was below normal in the East Punjab, United Provinces, Central India plateau, Bengal Assam and Upper Burma, in excess in Sind, the greater part of the peninsula and in Central and Lower Burma.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON TUESDAY, THE 29TH OF APRIL.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has increased almost everywhere, the rise being brisk in several places.

Winds are north-westerly at most places and the force has been fresh to light.

Temperature variations from the normal are much the same as yesterday. The maximum temperature varied from 111° at Nagpur and Jacobabad to 85° at Veraval, and the minimum from 62° at Lahore and Sirsa to 84° at Bellary.

The skies are cloudy to overcast in Ceylon, Mysore, on the Malabar Coast and at Ratnagiri, Sholapur, Masulipatam, Bellary, Malegaon, Dwarka and Jamnagar.

Rain in light showers has fallen at Cochin and Colombo.

Fine weather continues everywhere except in the south, where it remains more or less cloudy.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

By reason of the warm weather now prevailing, the mortality among horses, especially those of the Tramway Company, has been remarkably on the increase within the past fortnight. On an average two horses of the Company are struck down daily with sunstroke; some of these are removed to the infirmary but the greater number succumbed before getting there. In consequence of the increased mortality, the Company have been obliged to resort to cooling the drinking water for the horses, the total consumption of ice for this purpose being 500 lbs. per diem. There are now over a hundred horses in the infirmary suffering from the effects of the weather and other causes.

FLORILINE !—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in parts of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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BOMBAY.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

MR. EDWARD THOMAS tender's thanks to his many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in his bereavement, and trusts they will kindly accept this acknowledgement of the same.

DEATH.

DADYSETT—April 29, at Dadysett House, Fort, Bombay, Mr Cursetjee Hormusjee Dadysett, and brother of Mr Jehangir H Dadysett, aged 44. Deeply mourned by his relations and friends.

KEMP'S LIST.

CONCD. DECOCTION of CINNAMON A remedy for Plague and Influenza.	3	0
COMPLEXION PILULES Make the Skin bright and clear.	0	12
COPAL VARNISH For Pictures, Maps, &c.	2	0
CORN and WART REMOVER Painless and Sure.	1	0
COUGH POWDER for HORSES Promptly relieves and cures.	3	8
COUGH LOZENGES From an old and well tried receipe.	0	12
DENTISTS TOOTH POWDER Recommended by Messrs. Bromley and Campbell.	1	8
DEPILATORY LIQUID For removing superfluous Hairs.	1	8
DEPILATORY POWDER A Cheaper form, very efficacious.	0	4
DERMALINE MIXTURE For obstinate Eczema, &c.	1	0
DERMALINE OINTMENT For use with the above Mixture.	0	8
DIALYSED IRON Does not blacken the Teeth.	0	12

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 33m., Sun sets 6h. 21m., High water, 3-11m., 4-9a. Low water, 9-8m., 11-3a.
Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p. m.
Bombay Gymkhana Lawn-Tennis (Doubles) Tournament, final.

THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—An orang-outang (Simia Satyrus) has been added to the collection of animals by purchase.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Lamu, Mombasa, Ibo, Chindi, Daresalem, Zanzibar, Mozambique, Beira and Delagoa Bay per extra s. s. Nevasa will be closed at the General Post Office at 12 noon on Friday, the 2nd proximo.

THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BOMBAY.—The ordinary monthly meeting of the Society will be held in the rooms of the B. B. Royal Asiatic Society, Town Hall, Bombay, to-day at 5-30 p. m. Paper to be read : "Some Notes on the Arab Belief in the Metamorphosis of Human and other Beings" by Colonel A. S. Jayakar, I. M. S. (retired). Members and friends are invited to attend.

THE LATE ADMIRAL BAPTISTA DE ANDRADE.—At the request of Sir Michael R. de Quadros, a Requiem Mass was sung last week at the Mazagon R. C. Cathedral for the repose of the soul of the gallant Admiral, who is well-known to many in this city, having commanded the Flag Ship Corvette Estephanie in 1870, when Don Alphonso, the late King's brother, came out to visit Goa. His Excellency the Admiral was a Grand Knight Commander of several Portuguese and foreign orders, a member of the House of Lords, and chief of the Military House of the King by whom he was highly respected.

BREACH OF TRUST.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagone Police Court yesterday Raghunath Raoji, a peon in the employ of Messrs Richardson and Cruddas of Byculla, was charged by Inspector Wheatley with criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 180 in currency notes belonging to his master. The evidence showed that the accused was entrusted with the money to be paid into the Municipal offices. He did not pay the money as directed and absented himself from work for two days. On the third day he sent a letter to the firm informing them that he had lost the money. The matter was reported to the Police, who arrested the accused. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

AN OLD OFFENDER.—At the Mazagon Police Court yesterday Luximon Mahadeo alias Succaram, an old offender, was charged before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, with stealing pots of the value of Rs 5, belonging to Anandibai, a Hindu woman, who resides at Dongri. The accused entered the complainant's room on Monday and was walking off with the pots when he was arrested by neighbours and handed over to the Police. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and admitted six previous convictions. The Magistrate sentenced him to two years' rigorous imprisonment and to receive twenty stripes and further ordered him to notify his place of residence to the police for a period of two years after his release from the jail.

PICK-POCKET AT THE MODI BUNDER.—Yesterday morning, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. T. J. Strangman, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Walker charged Usman Ibrahim, an old offender, with picking the pocket of Mr. Francis Pascol Correa, a teacher in St. Mary's College. The complainant was buying a ticket at Modi Bunder on Monday morning, when the accused extracted Rs. 15-8 tied in a handkerchief from his pocket and made away with it. A beggar girl named Yamuna standing near by saw the accused in the act of picking the pocket and shouted out thief, thief. The police man ran after the accused and arrested him. The handkerchief with the money in it was found lying near the accused on the ground, which he had thrown away seeing the police man following him. The complainant identified the handkerchief. The accused pleaded guilty and admitted two previous convictions of 3 months and 12 months each. The Magistrate sentenced him to 3 months' rigorous imprisonment and to receive 25 stripes in jail. The complainant was ordered to give the beggar girl Rs. 2 as a gift.

THE SOMAVAMSHI KSHATRIYA HEALTH CAMP.—The residents of the Somavamshi Kshatriya Health Camp at the Kennedy Sea Face entertained Dr. Dadoba Janardan Mantri and Mr. Bhasker Shivram Chemburkar, the organisers of their Health Camp, on Monday evening. A mandap was erected for the occasion and was tastefully decorated and richly illuminated. A large phonograph which recited Hindi and English tunes, delighted the gathering. Mr. Janardan Raghoba was voted to the chair. The proceedings were opened by the singing of songs composed for the occasion. Speeches were made by messrs. Ramchandra Vinayak Paralkar, Ganpatrao Kashinath Mhatre and Yeshwantrao Harischandra Desai on behalf of the Health Camp, eulogising the services of Dr. Dadoba Janardan Mantri and Mr. Bhasker Shivram Chemburkar in connection with the organisation of their Camp and thanking them for their disinterested work for their community. The guests were then garlanded and presented with superb bouquets. The President in a short speech described the useful work done by the guests who made suitable replies. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

GYMKHANA LAWN TENNIS.

THE DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL.

THE semi-final tie in the doubles of the Bombay Gymkhana Lawn Tennis Tournament was reached last evening when Messrs. Fischer and Barraclough met Messrs. Chetham and Economo. A capital game was witnessed, all four players being in excellent form. The first set, which went to Messrs. Chetham and Economo at 6-4, was well contested, but the winners played even better than their handicap would have given them credit for. Exchanges were rapid, but several chances were given away by Messrs. Fischer and Barraclough. In the second set the losers had hard lines in failing to bring off the deciding game, creeping up from—30-40 to advantage all before they were beaten. Messrs. Cowie and Boggs also played off their unfinished tie in the third round of the singles, and after a capital match Cowie won by 6-3, 5-6, 6-4.

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AMBULANCE WORK IN INDIA.

THE ORGANISATION IN BOMBAY.

A meeting of the Bombay Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association was held recently in the Municipal Council Hall, Bombay. In the absence of Colonel W. H. Riddell, chairman, Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy was voted to the chair. There were present :—Mrs. E. M. Slater, Dr. A. M. Benson, M. D., Miss Maneckjee Cursetjee, Dr. DeMonte, Dr. K. E. Dadachanji, L. M. and S., the Honorary Secretary, Y. W. C. A., Mr. K. N. Wadia, Mr. Damodhar Govadhundass, Mr. Jehangir D. Petit, Mr. Surendranath D. Khote, Mr. James Macdonald, Dr. A. G. Viegas, L. M. and Dr. Denanath B. Naik Dandakar Mir Aun Ali, Barrister at-Law, Rao Bahadur Vithalrao K. Bandker, Dr. N. N. Katrak, Mr. K. N. Kabraji, Mr. Kazi Kabirudin Barrister-at Law, Mr. Vasanji Sailor, Mr. E. A. Kenyon, Honorary Treasurer and Mr. George Lund, Honorary Secretary.

It was proposed by Dr. N. N. Katrak and seconded by Mr. S. D. Khotre, that Mr. Hurkisondas, Narotumdas, Sheriff of Bombay, be elected a member of the managing committee. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. James Macdonald proposed and Mr. Kazi Kaburudin seconded that the following gentleman be elected honorary surgeons to the Centre :—Major Street, I. M. S., Dr. Accacio de Gama, K. C., I. C. Physician to H. M. the King of Portugal ; Captain M. M. Lawsley, R. A. M. C., Karachi ; and Captain C. W. Henry, R. A. M. C. Karachi. Carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Dr. Denanath B. Naik Dandekar, seconded by Mr. James Macdonald in the best thanks of the managing committee were conveyed to the following gentlemen for their gratuitous services at the presentation of certificates by H. E. the Governor :—To Captain Condon, I.L.C, and Mr. J. C. R. Johnstone for presiding at the organ; to Mr. Walsh Superintendent, Preventive Service, for the loan of flags and decoration of the Town Hall, to the Superintendent Victoria and Municipal Gardens, for a larg collection of plants for the adornment of the plat for to a Life Member, who wishes to be anonymous, for defraying the cost of expenses

Letters from Dr. Denanath R. Naik Dandekar and Dr. D H Mehta thanking the committee for adopting their Marathi and Gujarathi translations of Shepherd "First Aid" Manual as text-books were recorded with an expression of the committees best thanks. Dr. D. B. Dandekar desired that only Rs. 50 of the Rs. 100 due for copies purchased should be paid to him. The other Rs. 50 he wished should be treated as a donation to the funds of the Centre from his brother Dr. H. B. Naik Dandekar. Dr. D. H. Mehta also only charged half-price.

PROGRESS REPORT.

Dr. A. M. Benson, M.D., has lectured to a class of ladies at the Y. M. C. A. upon "Nursing." Major A. Street, I.M.S., examined the class, and 25 out of 26 passed.

A third class of ladies in First Aid, organised by the Y. M. C. A., has been instructed by Dr. C. C. R. Marrett, M. D., and examined by Major W. E. Jennings, I.M.S., when 27 passed.

Dr. Kashinath N. Gokhale has instructed a mixed class of the employes, of the Government Press, organised by Rao Bahadur N. T. Vaidya, Major W. E. Jennings, I.M.S., recently examined the members. The result is not yet known.

The Rao Bahadur has also classes for instruction in First Aid, Nursing, and Hygiene for males and females, at the Health Camp on the Kennedy Sea Face.

Dr. K. E. Dadachanji's class in First Aid for Parsis has been examined by Dr. D. A. Turkad, M.D., Twenty-three were examined and all passed.

Captain Howell, R.A.M.C., has instructed 63 soldiers at Khandalla Sanitarium : 40 examined by Dr. Hunt Cook, M.D. and one Gunner examined at Colaba by Lieutenant-Colonel Harwood passed. As the member of the class came from distant parts of the Presidency, it is hoped that on return to their regiments they will make the aims the Association known.

Dr. D. B. Naik Dandekar has instructed and Dr. B. I. Nariman has passed 23 more native police.

At Karachi the Local Branch, Y.W.C.A., organised a ladies class. Captain M. M. Lawsley, R.A.M.C., was lecturer, and Captain C. W. Henry, R. A. M. C., examiner, and 13 passed.

A "station" of the Association, with tent, havresack, stretcher and wheeled ambulance were located at the Lady Northcote Fancy Fate. Two qualified employes from the Government Telegraph Office and the Honorary Secretary were on duty daily from 4 to 11 p.m. One case of fainting, a broken arm, and a fall from a ladder received attention.

The tent and appliances were also at the B. V. R. Camp recently held at Santa Cruz. At the point-to-Point Races held near, one of the riders had a bad fall, was much cut about the face, and received slight concussion. One havresack and stretcher were placed at the disposal of the doctor attending the case. The stretchers and havresacks which Mr. Hartley Kennedy, Commissioner of Police, had sanctioned being placed at eight chowkies are now ready, One of each, with an instruction card, will be placed at the following places :—A Division—Bazaar Gate and Head Police Office—B. Division—Paidhuni, D, Diviona. Girgaum E. Division—Huntley Lodge, F. Division—Parel-Bhoiwad- A and I. Division—Water division—Apollo Bunder and Prince Dock. These will cover the Tramway routes and Water division, where accidents are most likely to occur.

THE SECRETARY'S WORK.

A letter from the Honorary Secretary was read stating that he was leaving Bombay on private affairs and returning on the 1st November next, and asking that a substitute may be allowed to act for him during that period. Permission was granted, with an expression of the committee's high appreciation of the Sealous and valuables service he has rendered to the "Centre" since its formation in May last.

PRESENTATIONS OF CERTIFICATES.

The business of the meeting having been concluded, Dr. A. M. Benson, M D., presented a certificate of honorary life membership of the Association to Dr. Denanath Naik Dendekar, L.M. & S., who, under the rules, having lectured to four classes became, entitled to the honour, and further has translated and published at his own expense, a Marathi translation of Shepherd "First Aid" Manal.

Dr. Benson also presented certificates in first Aid to the following nurses of St. George and Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy Hospitals, and to 44 native police :—Miss Mary Wood (1st prize, Rs. 10), Miss Lucy Kobson 2nd prize Rs. 5.) presented by the Honorary Secretary, Misses Harell Jones Edith Amy Sherwood, Louisa Edith Eldo, Mabel Martin, Agatha Margaret Merrett, Ada Beatrice Thomas Christian's Florence Rodriguee, Joy Gonsalves, Lily Augusta Kobbe, Margaret Beatrice Rodrigues, Mables Kate Hazells, Grace McCorkindle, and Mary Annette James.

POLICEMMAN'S GALLANT CONDUCT.

A meeting was subsequently called at the Municipal Council Hall to consider a letter adressed to the Honorary asking that Police Secretary by the Assistant Commissioner of Police Constable, H. Division, 1807, might receive a reward for bringing a boy to life again under the circumstance detailed in the following report of H. Division of the 20th instant.

At about 12-30 p.m., on the 19th instant, when P. C. H.-1124 was on duty at Bori Bunder he saw a lad struggling in the sea and immediately went to his assistance, pulled him out and brought him to the Chowkey: he was unconscious at the time. PCH-1807, who holds a St. John Ambulance Certificate, was on duty at the Chowkey, and immediately went to the lad and brought him round. The lad then informed the sepoy that two of his companions were in the sea. P.C.H.-1216 went into the sea and recovered the bodies of the other two lads and brought them to the Chowkey. P.C-H.-1307 tried to restore animation but without result. From enquiries made, it appears that three lads named Hurrychandra Bhau, aged 13 years, Shrirang Vithal, aged 12 years, and Panduran Shiva) aged 14 years, left home about noon to see the Taboots and when they came to Bori Bunder they decided to have a bath although they had never been in the see before. They were bathing for some time, when evidently they got out of their depth His (Hurrychandra's) two companions immediately sank, and he after a long struggle, got near the step when he was pulled out by P. C. H.-1124.

In the absence of Colonel W. H. Riddell, Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy was voted to the chair, and there were present Sir Balchandra Krishna Bhatadanekar, Dr. K. E Dadachanjee, L.M.&S., Mr. E. H. Aitkin, Mr. Jehangir B. Patit, Mr. James Macdonald, Dr. Denanath, B. Naik Dandekar L.M.&S. Mr. Kazi Kabrud in Barrister-at-Law, Mr. Vasanji Tailor Mr. Mirza Mahomed Ali Khan, M.A, LL.B., Mr. E. A. Kenyon Hnorary Treasurer, Mr. George Lund, Honorary Secretary.

It was proposed by Sir Balchandra Krishna and seconded by Mirza Mahomed Ali Khan that "The Committee, while not approving of the giving of rewards to Certificate holders generally, as contrary to the spirit of the rules of the Association will be glad if the Commissioner of Police will bring to the notice of the Honorary Secretary any cases where "First Aid" has been effectively rendered by qualified members of the force. In such cases, upon production of a certificate from an Honorary Surgeon of the "Centre," that efficient "First Aid" has been rendered in a serious accident, the Honorary Secretary is authorised to pay out of the funds placed at his disposal by an anonymous donor, in consultation with the Polices Commissioner, a reward to any native member of the force holding a certificate of the Association, the amount of which shall not exceed Rs. 5.

An amendment proposed by Mr. E. A. Kenyon and seconded by Mr. Kazi Kabdin that "consideration of the letter be postponed till the next general meeting of the committee" was carried by a Majority.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Springwell 1,913 tons, Captain J Chisholm, sailed yesterday, for Hamburg, with a general cargo.

THE steamer Foreric, 2,591 tons, Captain R White, sailed yesterday, for Kobe, with a general cargo.

THE steamer Kincraig, 2,782 tons, Captain W Gibb, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Rangoon, 18th April, with a cargo of rice.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Bezwada, 3,270 tons, Captain C H Sharpe, arrived in harbour on Monday evening, from Rangoon, 18th April, with a general cargo

THE Messageries Maritimes Co's steamer Salazie, 2,088 tons Captain Aubert, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Marseilles, 13th April, with a general cargo and passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dwarka, 739 tons, Captain W H Rothwell, sailed yesterday, for Karachi via Kathiawar coast ports, with a general cargo and 200 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Orissa, 3,525 tons, Captain J G E Metcalfe, will sail to-day, for Calcutta, with a general cargo and Mr Winterbottom, Mrs Claret and 2 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Nevasa, 1,945 tons, Captain F Cruess, arrived in harbour on Monday, from Zanzibar, 12th April, via Karachi, with a general cargo and 14 passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dumra, 762 tons, Captain E C Russell, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Karachi, via Katiawar coast ports, with a general cargo and Mr F W Anderson, Mr and Mrs Rutnagur and 3 children and 193 deck passengers.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

THE Port Officers Bombay has received the following telegram from the Port Officer Bombay, "Caph light apparatus under repairs no light."

VESSELS IN DOCK.—APRIL 29.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent
A	Manaton	2625	Page	Amsterdam	1-5	Bombay Co
C	Wartburg	3610	Kenneweg	Karachi	2-5	Glade & Co
F	Torridge	2474	Evans	Hull, &c		Graham & Co
H&J	Vedra	2623	Prout	Genoa	4-5	Graham & Co
K	Nurani	2370	Sandilands	Calcutta	30-4	T M & Co
N	Waudby	2680	Pearson	Dunkirk	1-5	K N & Co
O	Ailsawald	1882	Hardy	Havre, &c.	1-5	T M & Co
P Q	Alexandra	2788	Harris	U. States	3-5	Standard Oil Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent
Kaveri	553	Ahmed	Bhownagar	29-4	Shep'd & Co
Satrunji	517	Ahmed	Mangalore	2-5	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent
1	Olympia	3248	Osborne	London	5-5	W & A G & Co
4	Shahanoor	2198	Smith	Aden	3-5	E Tajbhoy
6	Chusan	2822	Daniell	China	7-5	P & O Co
7	Imperatrix	2353	Guttman	Trieste	1-5	A L S N Co
10	Dido	3127	Pickering	Karachi	2-5	F M & Co
12	Arabia	4157	Parritt	London	3-5	P & O Co
14	Adana	2173	Smith	Antwerp		T M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent
Dwarka	762	Russell	Karachi	2-5	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

April.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
28	Bezwada s	Sharpe	Rangoon, April 18
	Nevasa s	Cruess	Zanzibar, April 12
29	Kincraig s	Gibb	Rangoon, April 18
	Salazie s	Aubert	Marseilles, April 13
	Dumra s	Russell	Karachi, April 26

DEPARTURES.

April.	Vessel.	Commander	Destination.
29	India s	Kiun	Colomo
	Safari s	Pepe	Zanzibar, &c
	Kagoshima Maru s	Kory	Yokohama
	Dwarka s	Rothwell	Karachi, &c.
	Springwell s	Chisholm	Hamburg
	Foreric s	White	Kobe

THE steamer Orissa, Metcalfe, for Calcutta, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

THE following vessels began to load yesterday :—
Steamer Evangeline, for Liverpool, &c.
,, Nevasa, for Zanzibar, &c.

DAILY IMPORTS—APRIL 29.

FROM GLASGOW.

Olympia s—50 cases ale, Robinson Morrison and Co; 472 cases whisky, D Cowasjee ; 12 hogsheads whisky, Shipson and Co.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Olympia s—100 kegs becarbonate of soda, Kanga and Co; 50 cases slates, A Rsscofally ; 25 cases slates, F Hoosenally.
Aston Hall s—10 hogsheads ale, Robinson Morrison and Co.

FROM LONDON.

Springwell s—57 cases provision, &c, Baramjee F Mody.
Peninsular s—55 cases beer, Phipson and Co; 4 cases photo materials, B Sakharam and Co ; 23 cases wine and spirit, Cutler Palmer and Co ; 19 cases provision, &c, Thompson Thomas and Co.

FROM HULL.

Dido s—200 crates sodawater bottles D C Pundole ; 80 crates sodawater bottles, Ardeshir S Palkhiwala ; 7 bales paper, Thacker and Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—APRIL 29.

FOR LONDON

Arabia s—186 bales hides and skins, W and A Graham and Co ; 18 bales hides and skins, R M Kooka ; 8 bales skins, B Esmail ; 39 bales skins, Ewart Latham and Co ; 40 cwt coir ropes, P Khetsey.
Olympia s—16 cwt condiments, H Muncherjee and Sons ; 315 cwt olibanum, A Gangjee ; 76 bales hemp, K Oomersey ; 4 bales carpets G H Mahomed ; 24 cwt fishmaws, A Chagla and Co ; 1,001 cwt myrabolims, D Balcrishna and Co ; 94 cwt dry fish, McCausland Co ; 7 cases brassware, Cursetjee and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Arabia s—587 bales cotton and 1,600 cwt castorseed, Ralli Brothers.
Adana s—2,315 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 1,000 cwt poppyseed, Cosser and Co; 3,000 cwt poppyseed, E D Sassoon and Co ; 100 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers ; 267 cwt myrabollams, D Balcrishna and Co ; 21 bales hemp, E Oomersey ; 5,200 cwt linseed, 2,000 cwt rapeseed and 4,000 cwt poppyseed, Volkart Brothers.

FOR AMSTERDAM.

Monaton s—12,006 cwt linseed, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR COPENHAGEN.

Dido s—30 bales hemp, Kiddle Reeve and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.

Wartburg s—889 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 770 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co ; 50 bales cotton and 1,200 cwt linseed, Ewing and Co ; 300 bales cotton fly, J C Toddywala ; 655 cwt myrabollams, W Kipp ; 500 cwt myrabollams, Cosser and Co.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Evangeline s—100 bales cotton, Forbes, Forbes and Co ; 200 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR NEW YORK.

Olympia s—9 cases drapery, Cowasjee Brothers.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Olympia s—1,001 cwt cottonseed, Italian Colonial Trading Co ; 113 cwt asbestos, Kiddle Reeve and Co.

FOR BARCELONA.

Olympia s—200 bales cotton, The Bombay Co.

FOR BREMEN.

Wartburg s—230 bales cotton, Forbes, Forbes and Co ; 220 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR HULL.

Torridge s—5,410 cwt myrabollams and 6,000 cwt cottonseed, Wagjee Becher and Co; 6,000 cwt cottonseed, David Sassoon and Co.
Dido s—605 cwt myrabollams, Wagjee Becher.

FOR HAVRE.

Ailsawald s—2 001 cwt linseed, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Waudby s—1,503 bales cotton and 3.5 cwt cottonseed, Gaddum and Co.
Ailsawald s—4,002 cwt poppyseed, Wagjee Becher ; 4,000 cwt linseed, Volkart Brothers.
Orwell s—4,000 cwt poppyseed and 1,000 linseed, David Sassoon and Co ; 1,000 cwt poppyseed, T Momraj.

FOR GENOA.

Vedra s—100 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers ; 800 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co ; 100 bales cotton, Forbes, Forbes and Co ; 2,000 cwt linseed, N Khairaz and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperatrix s—440 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers ; 3 bales cotton The Bombay Co.

FOR KOBE.

Foreric s—1000 bales cotton, Glazebrook Tejpal and Co.

FOR HAIPHONG.

Salazie s—200 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI

Chusan s—100 bales twist, R S N Talati and Co ; 350 bales twist and 201 cotton, Framjee Sons and Co ; 300 bales twist, E Noordin and Co ; 200 bales cotton, Shingtai Co ; 100 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.
Nankin s—200 bales cotton, Glade and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Nankin s—63 cwt sharkfins, M J Joomabhoy and Co ; 214 cwt sharkfins, R Dhunjee and Co ; 140 bales twist, Framjee Sons and Co.

PITMAN'S BOOK-KEEPING EXAMINATION.

AN examination in book-keeping and accounts of the Pitmans's Metropolitan School, London, was held simultaneously at Bombay and Ahmedabad when 26 candidates competed. The examination was supervised at Bombay by Mr. Pestonji S. Kharegat, and at Ahmedabad by Divan Bahadur Ambalal Sakerlal Desai, M. A. L.L. B., and there were present Rev. Dr. George Taylor, and Lalshanker Umiashanker. By the last mail Mr. Shapoorji Bomonji Billimoria, the Principal of the Commercial Training Institution at Bombay and Ahmedabad, has received news that the following 34 candidates have been successful :

First class honours :—Dossabhoy Framji Shroff, Ardeshir Maneckji Settna, Ramchandra Vithal Sant and Mulshanker K Buxshi.

Second and pass class;—F. H. Athaide, F. M. Spencer, C. R. Bhat, Byram Bomonji Mehta, Rustamji P. Peer, Nadirshaw R. Bhaishet, M. D. Mapara, M. B. Divetia, B. H. Mehta, J. L. Desai. R. V. Pandya, V. W. Vyas, C. P. Mehta, J. G. Dubel, G. A. Shah J. L. Shet, V. W. Upadhya, J. W. Upadhya, J. V. Joshi, and B. C. Kamodia.

YACHT CLUB RACES.

THE following races will be sailed on Saturday, the 3rd May, 1902 :—

Ship's Boats (Fancy rig Race—Start at 3 p.m. Course No. 11 followed by Course No. 13—10½ miles.

Tomtit class Race—Start at 3-10 p.m. Course No. 9—9⅝ miles.

Yacht's Handicap (Class B) Race—Start at 3-20 p.m. Course No. 10—12½ miles.

Yachts Handicap (Class A) Race—Start at 3-30 p.m. Course same as for (B class) Race.

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Entries for all the above races close at noon on Thursday next.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1902.

AUSTRALIAN HELP FOR INDIA.

IF we may believe Mr. G. C. Craig of Sydney, who has written some solid work on the subject of the Federal Defence of Australia, that colony is not only willing but anxious to send us ten thousand Bushmen as Mounted Infantry, the very moment we desire them for service in India. It is a point, which those who prophesy another Mutiny and the disappearance in a single night of an Empire which grew up in a day, might make a note of in order to correct their calculations. Australians do not much mind who foeman may be, they will be here to assist the Indian General Officer Commanding to defeat the King's enemies. For some reason or other they would prefer the enemy to be Russian. They see the Cossacks on the other side of the mountian ranges ready to swoop down upon us. Amongst those defiles and passes, where rapid movements and mobile operations are wanted at the right point, with a French, a Plumer, a de Lisle, a Hutton or an Ian Hamilton to lead them, says Mr. Craig, such a large mobile force of mounted Australian infantry, stout of heart, straight of aim, and enduring in the field should be a God-send to the "Bobs" of the day. They anticipate landing either at Bombay or Bushire ; which port is a matter of supreme indifference, and so early in the day it is hoped this may take place, that the force will be composed of men who have South African experience. Sir Edward Hutton and General Tulloch, late Commandants in Australia, have educated the colonial troops up to this point of active, earnest loyalty, and both have gone so far as to predict what such a colonial force could do in the rear or front of a Russian Army between Merv and Herat. "At one time," writes Mr. Craig, "they both expected to be called upon to lead such a force to India." And no doubt the force as well as the Generals would have been well pleased to carry out little plans they had formulated for the annihilation of Russia's army of millions. There may be some people whose ability to pry into the future is so great that they can foresee Russia preparing to march through Afghanistan and believe that it is time to sound the "boot and saddle" to the ten thousand Bushmen. There are others with equal claims to perspicacity who will tell you that the General Officer Commanding in India, under whom the Australian contingent will serve, is still in the hands of the crammer and that the men who will constitute that contingent have not yet been born.

Both may be wrong. But whether or not we have to drive Russia back beyond her own frontier, it is not impossible that we may any day find ourselves involved in a disagreement with our quarrelsome neighbours, where the South African experience and profound knowledge of hilly warfare would be of infinite value. Mr. Craig does not overstate the case when he says that the Indian Government and army officers would gladly welcome such an addition to their armies upon active service, "without thinking that they were better than their own gallant officers and men." The spirit in which they could be sent, Mr. Craig is quite safe in saying, would be appreciated on both sides and "both forces would rush into battle with Sikh, Pathan, Gurkha and Mahomedan with the light of dash, courage and victory upon their faces." There is a sterling ring about Mr. Craig's writing. He ought to have been in South Africa to talk to the troops at Klerksdorp. Was it the "light of dash, courage and victory" the men who galloped for forty miles from Lord Methuen, had on their faces, or can Mr. Craig say something complimentary of them ? Perhaps not. They were not Australians. But their faces will bear the light of dash and courage and victory when, as Mr. Craig foretells, they drive Russia back to the Caspian and the Oxus near Samarkand. We are glad the Australians have allotted themselves this task, in the division of labour which the Russian descent on India will involve. It is always well to be prepared beforehand for any emergency. Mr. Craig and his ten thousand Bushmen clearly are, and hope we in India are too. For in the "Journal of the United Service Institution of India," in which he ventilates his views, he warns us that such Australian operations would depend upon two things : a Persian Alliance and the safe command of the sea. Aforehand, he thinks, the transport of a large contingent from Australia, before a declaration of war, might be done, as the risk would be dangerous in the time of war owing to greyhound warships and "fleets in being" like that of Cervera which kept Americans from sending troops to Cuba from its southern ports. Fleets in being in the Indian Ocean, Mr. Craig is already persuaded, would render an Australian expedition to India rather dangerous—both for the Australians and their country too if, as might be anticipated, Russia had been joined by France.

Whether it be to settle differences with Russia or to restrain any combined action among our turbulent neighbours, when the time comes, Australia's offer will probably be accepted. As is claimed for them they are the very type of men required to hang upon the flank or the rear of an enemy, or to employ in humbugging the front of an army and they believe they can demonstrate the truth of Sir George Cheesney's assertion that thirty-thousand horsemen could entirely cripple and confound an army of three hundred thousand men. Australia's ten thousand could cripple and confound one hundred thousand, and that ten thousand, they are fully persuaded they can spare at any time, seeing they have no less than 924,000 men capable of bearing arms, without reducing their fighting strength in the event of invasion. It is satisfactory to learn that Australia believes she can defend herself in such emergency. We hope the occasion may never arise, and Australian confidence may help to defer it. Meantime India must appreciate the kindly solicitude of the great colony which apparently regards her military efficiency with a lively interest. Australia believes that country and the loyal patriotism of the military resources of the Indian princes and chiefs are quite sufficient to defeat any attempted Russian invasion. Perhaps they have a better opinion of our Army than their leaders have. They may also view our position as one of greater danger than we do. It does look alarming, studied on the map. Mr. Craig sees a serious hostile barrier all round India and our enemies holding the passes that lead to Burma, Nepal and Tibet and turning the flank of our position in China, and eventually India itself. He bids his countrymen behold the continued advance of Russia towards Herat, Russia's influence in Persia, her approaches over the two Pamirs, her recent presence in Tibet, her practical conquest of Manchuria and strong fortifications at Port Arthur, the concentration of the huge armies by the land and sea, and her powerful fleet in Chinese waters. These in Australian eyes are far more serious menaces of India than in our own. We have come to regard ourselves as secure. Perhaps we are, and shall never will accept the Australian's offer. But it is pleasant to know that help will be forthcoming whenever it is wanted and that the Australians, though adverse to Asiatic labour in their Colony, are great admirers of our soldiers and would be proud to fight side by side with them.

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

THE results of the French elections indicate a further period of office for M. Waldeck-Rousseau as Premier. His cabinet of "Republican Defence" which was formed in 1899 after three other ministries had fallen within twelve months, has been the most stable administration France has had during the last ten years. It was a ministry gathered together at a crisis and derived its strength from the fact that it included representatives of nearly all parties. There will probably be some changes in the distribution of portfolios, on the reassembling of the Chamber, but the main interest in the elections for all outside France is that another cabinet headed by M. Waldeck-Rosseau is inevitable. A ministry on strict party lines is impossible in the present state of French politics and any Government must confront an Opposition made up of the most diverse elements. In addition to the Socialists, Radicals, Reactionaries and anti-Semites there are the Nationalists, a section which sprang into existence last year and includes royalists, revolutionaries and fire eaters of all sorts. The Nationalists appear to be the French political Adullamites, and according to Reuter's messages, they are able to record a gain of eight seats. At the general election is 1898 the Moderate Republicans numbered 254, the Rallied 40, Radicals 178, Socialists 57, Reactionaries 44, and the anti-Semites 10. Not the Moderate Republican ministry of M. Meline, the Radical ministry of M. Brisson nor the "Republican Concentration" under M. Dupuy could stand against the combinations possible with such a mixture of parties. Concessions to all and the support of the advanced sections have however, enabled M. Waldeck-Rousseau to remain in office for a period longer than any of his predecessors since 1893, and those who wish well to France will rejoice that there is a prospect of a further period of office before a ministry which has on the whole done well for the country. The telegrams give interesting information regarding the failure of certain prominent politicians to secure re-election and of these the most notable defeats are those of the Socialist leaders M. Millerand and M. Guesde. When M. Millerand joined the Waldeck-Rousseau Government as Minister of Commerce, Industry and Posts and Telegraphs, although the invitation to him was a compliment to the Socialists, many of the rank and file of the party did not view his acceptance of office with much favour. On the other hand the Moderates and Reactionaries regarded his appointment with some anxiety but the experiment of a Socialist Minister has been more of a disappointment to the members of his party than to any other section of Parliament or the public. For various reasons it became clear that the experiment would not be repeated and recently M. Millerand tried to put himself right with the Socialists. His failure to secure re-election, is, however, less surprising than that of M. Guesde, but the defeat of both is probably more an indication of sectional differences than of anything else. Among other extremists who have suffered rebuffs at the polls are M. Edouard Drumont, the founder of the "Libre Parole" and the leader of the Anti-Semites, and that excitable, duel-fighting supporter of Bonapartism M. Paul de Cassagnac. Among those who have been elected is M. Doumer. who recently resigned his post as Governor General of Indo-China. M. Doumer, advocates a policy of French activity in the Far East, but though he stands for a vigorous French Imperialism he is not likely to be found among the party of Nationalists which includes the egregious General Mercier who cherishes a wild cat scheme for the invasion of England.

THE KARACHI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ONE of the features of the annual report of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce is the record of its transactions in respect of railways in India. During the year the proposal to construct a Bombay-Sind Connection railway has occupied the attention of the Chamber, how have come to the conclusion that as any railway extension between Karachi and Cutch is desirable they will support the Cutchi-Dossa-Oswal-Mandal in their memorial on the subject. The proposed extension is a line from Viramgam on the B. B. and C. I. Railway, via Bhuj and Lakhput in Cutch to Moghalbhin in Sind and thence to Hyderabad on the N. W. Railway, or via Moghalbhin and Tatta to Jungshahi on the N. W. Railway. The latter scheme would, however, necessitate the construction of a second large bridge over the Indus at Tatta. The total cost of the different sections would be about three and a quarter crores, and the estimates of traffic show that a return of only two per cent. would be earned on the new line. This estimate is, moreover, made on the assumption that the railway would take 35 per cent of the present sea borne trade between Karachi and Bombay, 60 per cent. of the trade to the Cutch Ports, and 50 per cent. of the passenger traffic. If the utmost of these anticipations were realised there seems to be a very slender margin of profit; and it appears probable that at times loss would accrue. But it is pointed out in the report that a broad guage railway connecting the Indus Valley system with the B. B. and C. I. Railway may be extremely desirable from a military point of view as it will render the military resources of central and southern India available on the Quetta frontier by a direct route without break of gauge, avoiding on the one hand the great detour of the route via Delhi and on the other the sea passage route via Bombay to Karachi. This might have some weight, but there are other objections which have yet to be overcome. The Rao of Cutch objects to the proposed route of the line through his State, and the alternative route to the North of the Runn of Cutch will at once be seen to be inferior both on military and commercial grounds. Another railway scheme which has occupied the attention of the Chamber is the construction of a light railway from Jowabi at Steamer Point, Aden, to the frontier line beyond Sheik Othman, and the Chamber have also under consideration at the present time the proposal of the Jodhpur-Bikanir Railway to locate a junction between the metre and broad gauge at Kotri instead of at Hyderabad. Other railway matters considered by the Chamber related to the control of the Rajputana-Malwa Railway, by the B. B. and C. I. Railway, a project to connect Hyderabad with Karachi on the metre gauge, the construction of light railways in Sind, the equalization of class rates to and from Karachi and Bombay, and many other proposals of special commercial interest.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION AT AHMEDABAD.

SOME time ago a native gentleman interested in the cause of education and especially in the subject of industrial and technical instruction gave a sum of money as the nucleus of a fund for the erection and maintenance of a technical college at Ahmedabad. It was proposed to carry on the school on the lines of the Technical Institute at Byculla, and a committee, with Mr. F. Pratt, the Collector of the district, as chairman, was formed. Already about five lakhs of rupees have been contributed to the scheme—a handsome tribute to the interest that the commercial community of India are displaying in the subject. Special attention is to be directed to instruction in textile manufacture. In the textile section a plant, such as no other school possesses, will be laid down and in addition to the ordinary appliances, machines for combing cotton—the first of their kind in India—will be introduced. By this plant yarns up to fifties can be produced from Indian cottons, and should the experiment succeed it will open out a new field, and a very profitable one for cotton spinners. Such an institution, as it is proposed, may confidently appeal to the generosity of the commercial and industrial community, for it will at once be seen that if an institution of this kind is to be the pioneer in experimental manufacture, it will be the means of saving large sums or at least obviating all risk in speculation to those whose incomes depend upon cotton manufacture. Such an institution may make its appeal for support without giving that appeal even a semblance of a request for charity. The axiom that what benefits the community at large ought not to be paid for by the individual ought certainly to hold here. This new departure will be watched with a considerable amount of interest and no doubt when the machinery is in operation, visitors interested in the manufacture of cotton will be attracted from all parts of India. The new institute is a sign of the times. It is a manifestation that India is alive to the need for industrial progress. We trust that it foreshadows the period when every industrial centre will possess its technical institute, and when technical instruction will be looked upon as essentially necessary—as necessary indeed in proper sections of the community as the teaching of the alphabet.

AFFAIRS AT KABUL.

IT now appears that the reports which have been circulated regarding the proceedings at Kabul on the occasion of the Nauroz were altogether exaggerated, no durbar having, as a matter of fact, been held The only function which took place was a parade of troops in garrison. The Haddamullah is still at Kabul, where everything continues quiet.

AT a meeting of the Improvement Trust held yesterday the Board allowed the substitution of the name of the Indian Hotels Company, Limited, for that of Mr. J. N. Tata, as lessees of the stable site on the Wodehouse Road estate. In regard to the designs for the Board's new offices to be built on the Esplanade, the first prize was rewarded to Mr. F. C. Stevens, who would get a commission of ten per cent on the value of the building.

THE "Indian Mirror" says :—Sir Muncherji Bhownuggri's English constituents presented him with a mahogany table, "as a token of the great esteem in which he is held by them." This would be somewhat of a solace to the Parsi Knight after the slight he received from his countrymen during his last visit to India.

MR. D. G. PADYHE of the G. T. High School, Kalbadevi, is a candidate for the post of University Registrar in succession to Dr. MacDonald.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Prantej Railway for the week ending 15th March, amounted to Rs. 4,207 ; being a decrease on the corresponding week of last year, of Rs. 273. The total earnings from 1st January to 15th March, were Rs. 43,045 ; being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 1,034.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the week ending 15th March, amounted to Rs. 20,157, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 8,996. The total earnings from 1st January to 15th March, were Rs. 2,80,423 ; being of increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 1,37,143.

In reference to the protest recently made against the Government of India's proposal to deprive the Governments of Madras and Bombay of right of access to the Secretary of State in Council, the "Madras Mail" hears on reliable authority that after calling for and considering reports on the subject, Lord George Hamilton has vetoed the proposal to deprive them of their independence. This decision has been conveyed in a form that renders it unlikely that the question will be again raised for many years to come.

STRAIGHT SHOTS IN THE NAVY.

WHAT THE ADMIRALTY NEGLECTS.

BY ARNOLD WHITE.

SINCE the Japanese Alliance with Great Britain was published to the world European groups have formed closer alliances. France has drawn nearer to Russia, Germany to Italy and Austria. Japan cannot help England in the Channel or the Mediterranean. When the naval Armageddon comes it will be fought by Britain without European allies and in European waters. Victory will depend, not merely on the number and quality of the ships, but mainly on the straight shooting of their crews. It is thus apparent writes Mr. Arnold White in the "Daily Express," that the whole future of the British Empire rests in the last resort upon the skill of our naval gunnery officers and bluejackets. Taken as a whole, the prize-firing in the Navy is unsatisfactory. There are it is true, brilliant exceptions. The Scylla, which was the best shooting ship in the Fleet in 1899, beat 135 man-of-war with her 6in. and 4.7 quick-firing guns. While the percentage of hits for the whole Fleet in 1899 was only 31.1, the Scylla attained a percentage of 46 with the 6in. gun, and of 60 with the 4.7. The best shot of the Scylla was Petty Officer Harvey. In 1900 and 1901, H. M. S. Terrible, under Captain Percy Scott, achieved the double distinction of becoming the best ship in the Fleet.

In the former year she competed against 176 ships; the figures for 1901 are not yet published. We know, however, that whereas the percentage of hits for the whole Fleet was 32.3, the Terrible in 1900 scored 60 per cent. of hits with her 9.2 quick-firing gun, and 77 per cent. of hits with her 6in. gun. The standard of good shooting was increased last year by the terrible to 64 per cent. of hits with the 9·2 gun, and 80 per cent. of hits with the 6in. gun. Petty Officer W. Grounds actually placed eight shots on the target in one minute. Eight rounds were fired.

TWO MISSES TO ONE HIT.

The public may well wonder why it is that the percentage of hits for the whole Fleet is only 32·3—that is to say, the Fleet, as a whole, makes two misses for every hit, while the crew of the Terrible makes a percentage of hits higher than two out of three. The public takes less interest in straight shooting at sea than in the Lincoln Handicap. The Earl of Selborne, speaking from his place in the House of Lords, used the words, "Gunnery, gunnery gunnery." Excellent words ! but unless followed up by business and action the percentage of hits in the British Fleet is not likely to improve.

The matter of straight shooting in the Navy must be looked at from different points of view. There is the view of the Admiralty, the view of the admirals, the view of the captain, the view of the gunnery officers, and the view of the crew. The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, on learning of the high average of hits made by the crew of the Terrible, issued a memorandum expressing their appreciation of the high state of efficiency in that ship. Gunner Grounds, who is the best shot on the best ship in the straightest shooting squadron of the best fleet in the world, received 5s. from the nation and a share in the praise contained in the memorandum issued by the Lords of the Admiralty. If their lordships, in addition to the issue of a memorandum, were to reward the best man behind the gun as the best rifle shot on shore is rewarded at Bisley, the percentage of hits in the Fleet would rise by leaps and bounds.

RAMPANT REDTAPE.

But the Admiralty and their spokesmen, the old admirals, are opposed to such new-fangled ideas as publicly rewarding and honouring the best shots in the Navy. It is accordingly necessary to appeal to the public. All admiralty improvements have been the result of agitation outside, and if the shooting of the British Fleet is to be improved the nation must supply the engine power by rewarding the straightest shooters with a larger sum than 5s.—the remuneration, by the way, for one day's work by a yeomanry private, or about the amount of a Christmas box that would be given to a civil-spoken postman.

Intense interest is taken by the men of the lower deck in the subject of straight shooting, and they keenly appreciate any expression of sympathy and recognition on the part of the public in their effort to become good shots. I have high naval authority for stating that no better stimulus to a healthy rivalry between ships of the Fleet in the matter of straight shooting could be given than by offering tempting rewards to the individuals, not to the ships, who achieve the highest proficiency. This plan, however, is an innovation, and innovation in the naval service is anathema maranatha to the officials. The vital question of straight shooting in the Navy has long been treated with levity by the Admiralty, and by many admirals in command of fleets.

Why is it that the percentage of hits on flagships is proverbially low ? It is because prize-firing is a very painful operation, as anyone can tell who has gone through it. It splits the paint, it shakes the furniture, it rattles the china, it gives one a headache, it gets on one's nerves. The consequence is that cases are known of admirals who are excellent in other respects who manage to go on shore while the prize-firing is carried on. This is one reason why the gunners in the Navy only manage to hit once out of three rounds.

The next reason, and perhaps the more important cause of bad shooting in the Navy, is the fact that captains, officers, and crews are rewarded for bright brasswork for clean paint, and for enamel on the steam and pneumatic pipes, the latter being bought at the cost of the commander and first lieutenant ; and for "spit and polish" generally, which is the abomination of the lower deck. What is required accordingly is insistence on the part of the public that the Navy, unlike the Army, shall exist solely for war, and that anything interfering with warlike efficiency either of ships or men shall be sternly put away.

SO-CALLED SMARTNESS.

The so-called smartness which is attained by gold leaf and paint is positively injurious to straight shooting. When, therefore, admirals commend wealthy officers for the amount of gold leaf and paint that they have purchased out of their private resources the heart is taken out of officers and crews who are desirous of achieving the distinction of belonging to the best shooting ship in the fleet. Captain Percy Scott's efforts to develop the shooting efficiency of the crew of the Terrible amount to genius. That he has sacrificed nothing in the general efficiency of the ship is shown by the last report of the inspecting admiral :—"The ship is very clean and well kept. The ship's company are a well grown lot, and do their work silently, intelligently, and well.

"For the last two years the Terrible's heavy-gun prize-firing for all natures of guns has been by far the best of any ship in the Service.

"From the result noted in torpedo log, Whitehead practice is satisfactory.

"The engine-room department is clean and efficient.

"The appearance of the marine detachment was very creditable."

Gilt, glitter, and uniform occupy too much of the attention of Admiralty officials. If Lord Selborne is serious in desiring to see better shooting in the Fleet, it is quite possible to achieve success. They Lords of the Admiralty should require every admiral in command afloat to insist on increased efficiency in gunnery, and for that purpose the Admiralty should issue the most stringent orders making it plain to all captains, commanders, and lieutenants that while cleanliness must be preserved, the superfluities and luxuries of ornamentation must cease forthwith and that promotion will depend on proficiency in gunnery and not on the outlay of private funds for the adornment of the ship, for gilding of stanchions, or the enamelling of pipes.

A BLUEJACKET BISLEY.

In addition to this, considerable rewards should be given to the best shot in the Fleet. Soldiers may compete at Bisley. Why should bluejackets be excluded from rewards that appeal to human nature ? Bluejackets are miserably paid, as so much of their wages is spent in food. Money, therefore, naturally appeals to the married bluejacket for more than to most classes in the community, not because he is greedy, but because he is horribly poor.

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TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE BOER NEGOTIATIONS.

THE BOER LOSSES.

LONDON, April 28.

Lukas Meyer and two subordinates returned to Balmoral on the 25th, and entrained for Middleburg and Belfast to hold further meetings of Burghers.

LONDON, April 29.

A "Daily Telegraph" telegram from Pretoria states that Louis Botha and other leaders attended meetings at Utrecht and Vryheid of the Commandos at the end of last week and a strong opinion was expressed in favour of peace.

The meetings were not molested by our troops. The tacit truce in these districts expires on the 28th inst.

A despatch from Lord Kitchener says that since the 21st, twenty-five Boers have been killed and 103 made prisoners and surrendered.

CASUALTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, April 29.

The following casualties are reported from South Africa:—

24th April, at Klerksdorp, slightly injured, Lieut. Nyulas, Australian Army Medical Corps; at Standerton, died from wounds, Captain Saunderson, 4th Rifle Brigade; at Newcastle, died of enteric, Trooper P. Mahon, 20th Hussars. Lieut. Low, Royal Irish Rifles Mounted Infantry, reported missing on 10th March, is stated by the Boer prisoners of war to have been killed on that date.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

SOCIALIST LOSSES.

The results of the French Elections so far appear to leave the balance of parties practically unchanged.

The Nationalists have a net gain of eight seats and the Socialists a net loss of three.

LATER.

The French Elections show that 246 Ministerialists and 166 anti-Ministerialists have been elected.

There will be 175 second ballots.

POSTAGE IN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, April 29.

The penny postage to which the Australian Commonwealth agreed applies to any part of the Empire to Australia and not from Australia.

THE CHINESE EXCLUSION BILL.

The Chinese Exclusion Bill has been passed by the American Congress.

THE WAR IN WEST AFRICA.

An expedition consisting of about 100 Infantry and some Mounted Infantry has captured the King of Kontagora and ten thousand men.

This is the greatest blow yet struck at the Mahomedan power in West Africa.

AMERICAN OFFICERS IMPRISONED IN ITALY.

LONDON, April 28.

The Venice Police Court has sentenced a Captain of Marines of the American warship Chicago to four months' and a half imprisonment and two Lieutenants and one sailor from the same ship to three months for riotous conduct on the Piazza of San Marco.

[Colombia is not to rule the canals, even if she is to take over the sovereignty of the seas.]

THE BUDGET PROPOSALS.

THE EXTRA STAMP DUTY.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach announced in the Commons that the extra stamp duty on cheques under two pounds will be remitted on the drawer presenting the returned cheques to the Post Office.

In the Lobbies of the House the bankers and commercial men of both Parties strongly condemned the proposal for various reasons.

THE QUEEN OF HOLLAND.

Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina is able to leave her bed for a short time.

INDIANS AT THE CORONATION.

It is finally settled that the Indian Coronation Camp will be in the Park at Hampton Court, and the Cavalry will have the grounds of Fulham Palace during the Coronation week.

THE INDIAN TEA TRADE.

EXTENSION TO AFGHANISTAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, April 29.

The Indian Tea Association is making efforts through Sir Acquin Martin to introduce tea into Afghanistan.

BANGALORE VICTORIA MEMORIAL.

A STATUTE TO BE ERECTED.

BANGALORE, April 29.

A meeting of the citizens of Bangalore was held last night to consider what action should be taken in reference to the proposed Victoria Memorial.

Mr. Lloyd, Municipal President, presided. The Hon'ble Colonel Robertson's letter, favouring a statue only in lieu of the more ambitious scheme of a Technical Institute was read.

The meeting, resolved to confine their efforts entirely to a statue, to be erected in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

The existing committee was asked to continue in office, Mr. Lloyd accepted the chairmanship, vice Mr. Thumboo Chetty, resigned, on the distinct understanding that he did so in an unofficial capacity, and would not be expected to solicit subscriptions.

It was resolved to withdraw the appeals sent out on behalf of a Technical Institute, and to ask subscribers to it to transfer their subscriptions to the statue scheme.

The general committee was authorised to organise a scheme for raising funds and sending out appeals. The first list circulated at the meeting resulted in promises of Rs. 9,000.

DEATH OF THE HON. MR. NOLAN.

A NOTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA April 29.

The Hon. Mr. Philip Nolan, C. S., Senior Member of the Bengal Board of Revenue, died at Darjeeling yesterday.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Nolan all the offices of the Government of Bengal were closed to-day.

The following notification appears in the "Calcutta Gazette.":—

The Lieutenant-Governor announces with great regret the death of the Hon'ble Mr. Philip Nolan, Senior Member of the Board of Revenue, after a very short illness, During nearly thirty-five years' service under the Government of Bengal Mr. Nolan filled many important posts with ability and close attention to duty. His knowledge of Revenue Law was extensive and the solicitude for the welfare of tenantry was the keynote of his life. His death, when on the eve of retirement, is sudden and unexpected, when close to the life of manly vigour, and will arouse sympathy of a large circle of friends for his bereaved family. The Government will be poorer by the absence of his Judicious counsel.

The deceased entered the Indian Civil Service thirty-five years ago, and, having served as Collector in the Didajpur, Durbhanga, the 24 Pergunnahs, Tipperah and Shahabad districts, was appointed Secretary to the Government of Bengal in the Revenue Department in 1887. In 1891 he was appointed Commissioner of the Rajshahi Division, and in 1898 was promoted to the Bengal Board of Revenue.

Mr. Nolan left Calcutta only a few weeks ago in good health, intending to retire, but had a paralytic seizure and died within a few days.

THE RAILWAY EXTENSION TO JHERIA.

On Sunday the first train belonging to the Bengal-Nagpur Railway steamed across the Damuda River and entered the Jheria coal fields.

DINNER TO MR. COTTON.

A REPLY TO THE PLANTERS.

CALCUTTA, April 29.

At a farewell dinner given by the residents of Shillong to Mr. and Mrs. Cotton, the Chief Commissioner in Assam, replying to the toast of his health referred to the agitation in reference to the tea coolies and planters and himself. He appeared to tribunal of time to vindicate his reputation, he claimed to be judged by his actions averred that few men had done more for the industry in Assam, denied having passed a general condemnation of the system of tea garden management, but said it was his duty to give publicity to defects in the abnormal labour system, He wrote his report and now modified but withdrew or retacted nothing. He claimed he had been instrumental in effecting a marked improvement and it was no small satisfaction. He leaving the province to feel that the industry had been warned in time, had taken the wise words of the Viceroy to heart, had set its house in order and was coping with the efforts of the officials to raise the standard of comfort, and happiness of hundreds of thousand of the poor helpless creatures entrusted to its care.

THE KOLAR GOLD FIELDS.

EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT.

BOWRINGPET, April 29.

The drought in the Kolar Gold Fields the drought continues and the condition of the mine for want of water is growing worse. No. 2 mill of the Champion Reefs Mine has been closed, and the only other mill now working promises tobe closed also in a day or two unless there is a heavy fall of rain. This is the first time in the history of these big mines that both the Cyanide plants and two mills have had to be closed There is a reserve of water for the air compressors' and if this runs short underground operations also will have tobe stopped.

The loss of the Champion Mines is something like Rs. 30,000 day. The Ooregaum Mine, which has been running 120 stamps in the new mill with great success' has stopped 90 heads, and only 30 are running, and these too, will be stopped unless rain falls in time.

Drinking water to the employes is being doled out in very small quantities, so much so that people are taking to drink all kinds of available water. The situation in the mines was never so bad as now.

THE VICEROY'S TOUR.

VISIT TO JAMRUD FORT.

ALI MUSJID INSPECTED.

PESHAWAR, April 28.

His Excellency the Viceroy yesterday morning left Peshawar by special train for Jamrud at 8-30. Lady Curzon and the personal staff, Colonel Deane, Agent to the Governor-General, with his secretary, Mr. Grant, accompanied the Viceroy. On arrival in Jamrud, where a guard-of-honour of the 15th Sikhs was drawn up, Colonel Deane presented the officers of the Khyber Rifles, the Officer Commanding the Fort, and Major Dundee, Royal Engineers, who has built the Khyber Defences and is responsible for the excellent road. The Viceroy and party were entertained at breakfast in the Fort by Colonel Deane. The party afterwards left in tongas provided by Mr. Dhanjibhoy from Rawalpindi, and who had himself come up, and was presented to the Viceroy. In the first phaeton travelled Lord and Lady Curzon, escorted by the Khyber Rifle Sowars and proceeded by a pilot tonga. Major Roos Keppel, Political Officer, Khyber, had taken every precaution to ensure the safety of the Viceroy. Every hill within range of the road had pickets on the top, the Afridi Maliks who were present at the Darbar leaving Peshawar to take their share in the programme. After inspecting Ali Musjid, the Viceroy and party arrived at Landi Kotal at 2 p.m., twenty-one miles from Jamrud, where a guard-of-honour of the Khyber Rifles was drawn up. The Viceroy and party were the guests of the officers of the Khyber Rifles. After lunch the Viceroy drove down to Michni-Kandao, where a fine view of Afghanistan is obtained. Bonfires were lit on all the hills round the camp last night. The Viceroy and party returned to Peshawar this morning, arriving at 1-30 p. m., all the precautions for the return journey being repeated.

The Viceroy leaves Peshawar by special train this evening. Lady Curzon, accompanied by Mr. Barnes, Foreign Secretary, Mr. Carnduff Officiating Private Secretary, and Captain Armstrong, goes straight to Simla.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LIVERPOOL, April 28.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Campbell, left for Colombo, Madras and Calcutta yesterday afternoon.

SUEZ, April 28.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Ferguson arrived here from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta on the morning of 27th.

The P. and O. S. N. Company's, s. s. Victoria arrived here from Bombay this morning.

MARSEILLES, April 28.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Mombassa left here outwards, the day before yesterday evening.

The German East Africa Line steamer Somali arrived at Zanzibar on the 28th instant afternoon, via Mombassa.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Silesia, from Japan, left Singapore for Bombay on the morning of the 29th instant, and the same Company's s.s. Gisseia from Trieste to Japan, left Colombo yesterday morning.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, April 26.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.

Surats quiet

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The Manchester Market has been firm.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	94 1-2
3 per cent. Rentes	100 3-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	109
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	64 7-8
Bar Silver	23 3-4

JUBILEE OF A SURAT SCHOOL.

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SURAT, April 29.

The Jubilee of the Sir Jamsetji English School was celebrated yesterday. The Collector, Mr. Sladen, presided and there was a representative gathering present. The school was tastefully decorated and illuminated for the occasion.

The report of the Jubilee Committee was read by, Mr. Shavaksha Khasukhan. It is stated that ten thousand rupees had been subscribed by the ex-students towards the fund to convert the institution into an High School.

The Head Master's report, which included an account of the past history of the institution and the progress made during the half century of its existence, was interesting.

An excellent programme of recitations and songs in English and the vernacalar entertained the audience; and prizes were distributed by the Collector.

Rao Bahadur Motiram Rajaram, Ganpatram Anupram, retired Educational Inspectors and past Head Masters of this school, addressed the gathering as also did Khan Bahadur Sorabjee Master recounting his experience as an ex-student.

Khan Bahadur Barjorji Vakil, in thanking the Collector on behalf of the Parsi Panchayet declared that the scheme for converting the institution into a High School was ready, provision having been made for the necessary funds and the sanction of the Educational Department only being required to make it a success.

The President made a sympathetic speech dwelling on the state of education in this city fifty years back offering congratulations to the governing body for successfully conducting the school and wishing them further success.

Khan Bahadur Doctor Dossabhai proposed, and the Rev. Mr. Scott seconded, a vote of thanks to the President, both gentlemen making smart little speeches.

The proceedings terminated after the distribution of flowers.

MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL CHANGES.

MADRAS, April 29.

The Hon'ble Mr. Gabriel Stokes has been appointed to act as a Member of Council during Mr. Winterbotham's absence on leave. The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes will again act as Chief Secretary, an Mr. Murry Hammick as Revenue Secretary

THE TORNADO IN DACCA.

APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE.

OVER 400 KILLED.

CROPS IRRETRIEVABLY DAMAGED.

Further advices from Dacca state that the loss of life occasioned thereand in the adjoining towns by last Wednesday's tornado is appalling. A holocaust of approximately 416 deaths is reported, namely 31 in Sanachar, 110 in Dacca and its neighbourhood, 175 in Nagalband and 100 in Barni Ghat. Jute, paddy and other crops have been irretrievably damaged, the loss, it is estimated, will be not less than six annas in the rupee. The people are suffering severely and help is urgently needed. Tangail, as already reported, suffered from a severe storm on the 12th, and a telegram received states that a second storm of great severity passed over that town on Sunday evening. Happily on this occasion it. was unattended by any loss of life, but the roofing of the Civil Court building was carried away and a bridge (probably a rustic contrivance) and several huts were demolished.

OFFICERS ACCOMPANYING NATIVE CHIEFS TO ENGLAND.

The following British officers will accompany the reigning princes who are proceeding to England for the Coronation Ceremonies.

Colonel S. Jacob with the Maharajah of Jaipore Colonel L. G. H. Grey with the Maharajah of Bhawalpore, Colonel A. M. Crofts, I. M. S with the Maharajah Scindia, the latter being also joined in London by Colonel Newill, late Resident at Gwalior.

The Maharajah of Kholapur will be accompanied at the Coronation Ceremonies, by Mr. Hill, C. S., Private Secretary to the Governor of Bombay now on leave, while Sir Pertab Singh of Idar will most probably be accompanied by Major Pinhey of the Political Department.

It is understood that Dr. John Pollen will accompany the native Chiefs proceeding home to represent the various provinces at the Coronation.

THE CORONATION

THE HONOURS LIST.

It has been settled that the next honours list in India will be issued on the Coronation Day in June. A further list will most likely appear on the 1st January.

INDIAN VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CORONATION.

A nominal roll of volunteers, elected to represent their Corps at the Coronation is issued.

The following is a list of those from Western India:—

2nd Bombay Baroda Railway Volunteers, Color-Sergeants F. Burge and C. Watson; Bombay Volunteer Rifles, Color-Sergeants E. W. Fern and R. F. Smith; Bangalore Railway Volunteers, Color-Sergeant Foregard; Sind Valunteer Rifles, Color-Sergeant-Jehangir Kavasji and Sergeant Critchel; 1st Bombay Baroda Railway Volunteers, Color-Sergteants H. M. Lovejoy and F. Parr; Bombay Volunteer Artillery, Company Sergeant Pennington; Poona Volunteer Rifles, Color-Sergt. J. W. White, Indian Midlands Railway Volunteer Rifle, Sergeants Dracatt; Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles, Sergeants Estrange and Maclean,-Nagpure Volunteer Rifles, Sergeants Forde and Robertson, Malabar Volunteers Rifles, Sergeant John G. I. P. Railway Volunteers, Sergt. H. J. Knight and Copl. W. B. Bease; Hyderabad Volunteer Rifles, Sergeant Marrett and Corporal E. V. Clarke; Bombay Light Horse, Sergeant F. A. Reddie; Baluchistan Volunteer Rifles, Sergent W. L. Shaw; Karachi Artillery Volunteers, Sergeant Richard Seery, Berar Volunteer Rifles, Corporal Rebeiro.

KING THEBAW'S THRONE.

MANDALAY, April 29.

A press note says that the Viceroy never ordered King Thebaw's throne to be detained, but said that as Dr. Watts was in Burma, the throne, if not despatched, might be inspected by him.

THE MAYMYO RIOT.

TEN CONSTABLES WOUNDED.

MANY ARRESTS.

It was reported that Mr. Biggwither who was injured in the riot at Maymyo had died but this death is incorrect. Ten constables were seriously wounded and are in hospital, and two are not expected to live. The Deputy Commissioner of Mandalay has gone to Maymyo to take over the case from the military authority. Till last night forty-nine Sappers had been identified and arrested.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Colonel G. Watkin from Fyzabad is to be transferred to Sialkote as Colonel on the Staff vice Colonel Browne proceeding to command Mandalay district.

Colonel Mercer from Rawalpindi goes to Fyzabad vice Colonel G. Watkin.

SITE FOR THE NEW OBSERVATORY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—You drew attention recently to the importance of the observations carried on at the Colaba Observatory. It is well to take time by the forelock in matters requiring the consideration of Government, and the Director has done wisely in obtaining sanction for his proposals before the passing centuries bring electric trams to disturb the magnetic earth-currents of Upper Colaba. But it may be questioned whether zeal for the maintenance of unbroken continuity in the observations has not outrun discretion in the selection of a new site. Alibag is not only at an undesirable distance from the old observatory, but it is inaccessible during the monsoon, except by road via Dharamtar. If the interests of scientific expediency were the only ones influencing those who suggested Alibag, they might have been better served by the selection of a site much nearer Bombay and readily accessible all the year round. There are two eligible positions about twelve miles from Bombay which may be easily reached by Messrs. Ebrahim Visram's steamer Fairy Queen. The first is a hill situated south-east of Kansa Rock, and of a height quite double that of Kennery Light House—this is a short distance from Revas, the second station of the Fairy Queen on her outward journey. The second desirable situation is straight across from the Prong's Light-house and is known as Kalgaon in the Colaba Collectorate. It is at an elevation of about 300 feet. from sea level and adjoins a smaller hill, the property of the Bombay Port Trust. Blue trap rock for building can be had in abundance on the spot, and springs of sweet water abound. This is even more quickly reached than the first mentioned, being close to Mandwa Bay, the landing place of the first Ferry station during the fair season and Kajalbow where passengers and goods land during the monsoon. The latter place is used owing to the protection from rough weather afforded by a reef extending some 300 feet out and all that is needed for the better and safer transit of traffic, and to enable steamers of light draught to land passengers without the aid of country craft, is a light pier to extend some 600 feet. This is a need which is being daily more felt with the increasing country trade which passes through Mandwa, and its fulfilment, would permit of the opening out of an extensive and healthy suburb to this congested city.

Of the suitability of Kalgaon there can be little doubt. Its elevated situation renders it favourable for meteorological and astronomical as well as seismographic observations, while its situation at the end of a series of creeks precludes the possibility of Railways and electric trams disturbing the accuracy of the instruments.

As the old observatory stands at present, neither trains nor (possibly electric) trams approach any nearer than do the London Chatham and south-eastern trains to the Greenwich Park observatory. So the need for moving it at all is not at first obvious; but it is evidently held a lively possibility by those in a position to know that trams with their currents and trains with their vibrations may soon render Upper Colaba untenable.

An executive which in six years has not succeeded in repairing the employe's quarters at Colaba, is not likely to have gone far ahead yet at Alibag, so it may not be too late for a timely word to be put in for a nearer, more accessible, and cheaper site, within view of the old one, and certainly more in correspondence with it in regard to the lesser earth currents and shocks. Before money is spent, an inquiry as to the best way of spending should be held.—Yours etc.

FESTINA LENTE.

RAJKOT NOTES AND NEWS.

Our Rajkot correspondent writing on Friday says:—The Political Agent's camp is now at Balachedi where a number of the European officials are also encamped for the hot weather. The Minor Jam Saheb of Jamnagar passed through on the 8th inst accompanied by Captain Hancock, his companion and Kumar Shri Mehru ba of Syla. The party embarked at Porebander for Karachi whence they go on a tour through Kashmir.

During the Holi festival, a disturbance broke out between the Hindus and Mahomedans, which however was soon quelled by the leaders of both communities. The Mohorrum passed off quietly. The Police arrangements, as usual, were good.

The annual summer vacation of the Raj Kumar College commenced on the 19th instant, on which date most of the Kumars left for their respective homes. The College re-opens on the 5th June next. The Principal, Mr. Waddington, has gone to Ajmere. The station is now quite empty owing to the departure of most of the officials into the districts.

A suspicious case of plague having been reported in the City, Khan Bahadur Edros, Deputy Assistant Political Agent, Halar, called a meeting of the residents of the Civil Station, which was held on the evening of the 22nd idem, at the Connaught Institute, when precautionary measures were adopted, to prevent the spread of the disease, which is now prevalent in some parts of Kathiawar, into Rajkot, Mr. Watson, I.C.S., Assistant Political Agent, who came down especially from Balachedi presided, and in opening the proceedings made certain suggestions on the line of the measures recognised by Government as the best possible. In the course of his remarks he said, that the great drawback of plague measures was that they were misunderstood by the ignorant classes who did not know that everything was being done for their own good, and with the object of alleviating their sufferings, and it was particularly necessary that he should get together the leaders of the several communities so that he might consult them as regards these, and concluded by inviting suggestions. Several gentlemen present came forward with certain suggestions and a sub-committee was formed to discuss the suggestions made, and forward the same for the approval of the Prant Officer and the Agency Surgeon. It was also resolved to ask the Rajkot State authorities to co-operate in the movement. For the purpose of carrying out the measures, the station is to be divided into four wards, and Volunteers were appointed to each.

Mr. Kincaird, I. C. S., Judicial Assistant, has returned from Veraval, and is now presiding at the Sessions Court which opened last week. At the close of the Sessions, he returns to Balachedi, where his camp will be.

The new telegraph office is now completed, and will be opened early next month. The office will be a great boon to the mercantile community of the station.

The want of a good refreshment room is very much felt by the travelling public at Wadhwan, the Junction of three Railways, viz., the B. B., the B. G. J. P. and Morvi Lines.

Mr. Mayne, Educational Inspector, N. D., was at Wadhwan last week, and examined the Girasia College, under Mr. Strip, who has been its Principal for some years. Mr. Mayne returned to Ahmedabad on Sunday last.

The Revd. Father Einsleider, S. J., Roman Catholic Chaplain of Ahmedabad, arrived here on Thursday last, and will return to Ahmedabad next week. No permanent priest has yet been appointed for Rajkot, and Father Einsleider's visits are always welcome to the congregation

Assistant Surgeon Bocarro, who was for sometime attached to the West Hospital here, having been confirmed in his appointment as Civil Surgeon, Savantwadi, Assistant Surgeon Mascarenhas, who has been acting for him here, has been confirmed as Assistant Surgeon of the West Hospital.

The minor Thakore Saheb of Rajkot, with his brother K. S. Kariasinghji and, companion, K. S Vijaysinghji, of Syla are going to Mongrole, where they will spend the summer vacation.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Persia, with the outward mails of the 18th instant, left Aden at 8 p.m. yesterday and may be expected to arrive in Bombay at 8 a.m. on Friday next. The following is the list of passengers:—

Berry Mr and Mrs R
Buriton Major R D
Barnett Paymaster
Barnes Mr W
Blois-Johnson Capt
Birdwood Maj-Gen and Mrs
Batty Miss E
Clarke Dr S
Carter Mr
Crookston Mrs
Forster Mr R
Farley Mr J
Fluke Mr and Mrs A F and 2 children
Graham Mr
Gregson Mr and Mrs W B and infant
Granville Mr H C
Gordon Mrs
Gordon Miss
Gibbons Mr F
Hampden Miss
Hamilton Lieut W
Harwood Mr
Jones Mr W H
Kimber Mr S C
Lynch Mr B C
MacGregor Mr A
Nicolls Mr J R C
Neville Mrs E A
Oliver Mr E W
Parr Mr and Mrs W R M C D
Pope Mr
Purley Mr J
Remington Mrs and infant
Renwick Surg A C
Robinson Mr G E
Symons Mr H S
Seddon Capt T Y
Sawyer Mr G H
St Quinton-Syrne Mr and Mrs
Spittle Mr E C
Stoddart Miss
Tubb Mr T
Tupper, Mrs and Miss
Twigg Capt and Mrs
Thomson Capt and Mrs W
Waterfield Mr G
Woods Mr O
Winfield Mr J F
Wadia Mr C N
Warneford Capt J
Wheeler Dr Charlotte

ARREST OF AN ALLEGED DACOIT.

At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Morris charged Govind Luximon and Rama Kashiba, natives of Ratnagri, the former with dacoity and the latter with receiving and concealing stolen property of the collective value of Rs. 13,199. From inquiries made by the Police it appeared that the first accused was arrested at Dongri on suspicion on the 15th February last with gold and silver ornaments of the value of Rs. 295 in his possession. Govind then made a statement to the Police that the ornaments found with him, formed part of the property which he had stolen at Rajapur in the Ratnagiri District more than two years previous to his arrest and for which he was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment by the Magistrate at Ratnagiri. He further stated that before his arrest in that case, he had succeeded in burrying a large portion of the property and that on his release on the 26th January last, he dug up the property from the place where it had been concealed. He came to Bombay on the 14th February—a day previous to his arrest in Bombay. The accused was then charged before a Presidency Magistrate at Bombay with fraudulent possession of property. At the conclusion of the case for the prosecution he altered the statement made by him to the Police and said the ornaments before the Court came into his possession on the death of a woman, who lived with him six years ago and that he brought the same to Bombay to dispose them of, when he was arrested. The Magistrate held that there was no evidence to show that it was stolen property and discharged the accused on the 17th March last. On the 24th instant the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, received a letter from the Ratnagiri Police, asking for the arrest of the two accused Govind Luximon Goorow and Govind Ghatl, both of whom were wanted there on a charge of dacoity committed at Sawantwady on the 7th February last. Enquiries were then made, which led to the arrest of the first accused Govind Luximon, who it was subsequently ascertained, was the same man, who was arrested on suspicion at Dongri on the 15th February last and discharged by the Magistrate on the 27th March for want of evidence. It was also discovered that Govind was putting up with his brother-in-law, Rama Kashiba, the second accused in the present case. On a search being made of their room, gold and silver ornaments of the value of Rs. 871 were found in two canvas bags, one of which belonged to Govind and the other to Rama. The ornaments found in the possession of the two accused tallied with the discription given of the part of the property stolen in the dacoity, the total value of which was estimated at Rs. 13,199, Exclusive of Govind, four other persons have been arrested at Ratnagiri and ornaments of the value of Rs. 2,500 have been recovered from them.

On the application of the Police the case was remanded.

AURANGABAD NOTES.

A MOHORUM DISTURBANCE.

Our Aurangabad correspondent, writing on the 26th instant, says:—That noisiest of noisy native festivals, Mohurram, terminated the other day. This year, stringent orders were issued by Captain J. R. Kennedy, Superintendent of Police, restricting loud music up to 11 a.m., and soft music with "melas" up to 2 p.m. The most noticeable feature in the Cantonment was the erection of Taboots both in the Infantry and Cavalry Lines, which was abandoned a couple of years ago. As usual the Kerballa took place at the "Kala" Chabootra (place of execution of criminals) to witness which thousands had come from the surrounding villages within a radius of 20 miles. Sweetmeat vendors aligned the route of the procession of the Taboots and carried on a roaring trade. But a" contretemps" occured which somewhat marred the proceedings. A fracas took place between the Cantonment and City people in which lethal weapons were freely used, broken heads and limbs being the result. Some of the injured are lying in hospital while five or six others are in prison awaiting trial which will not take place till their accomplices in the hospital recover.

At Parbhani, the Head-quarters of the District, in addition to the three old ginning factories, two more are under construction and one or two more are in contemplation, so that the place is undergoing a change.

The Talookdar, aided by the Ameer, Taksildar and Head Master of the Anglo-Vernacular School are endeavouring to establish a Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club and are convening meetings to induce the public to join.

One of the standards of Aurangabad has passed away to-day in the person of Bomanjee Pestonjee. He was ripe in years and venerated by all. His funeral was followed by a vast concourse and his body was buried in his old garden according to his expressed wish instead of being conveyed to the tower of silence which is on the hills just beyond Mookburrah.

While a boy was taking manages from a tree he fell and fractured his arm which was duly set but gangrene having supervened he died yesterday.

NOTES FROM GOA.

Our Goa correspondent writes:—His Excellency the Governor has started on his official visit to the turbulent district of Sattary, which has not been visited by a Governor for many years past, owing, it is generally beleived, to the hostile attitude of the emissaries of the wicked Ranes, the chief of which gang is now paying for his past sins in Timor, having been deported thither after being found guilty by the Court Martial specially nominated to try him and his followers. Now that General Gathardo has gone on a tour of inspection, he will find that the foreigners who had sunk large sums in coffee and other articles of agricultural produce, also spent a lot of money in introducing new cultures and if these agriculturists continue their labours, they should be encouraged and granted fresh leases of the lands cultivated by them and which they were subsequently deprived of without any compensation. Governor Senhor Gathardo has the reputation of being a fearless, strict and just man, and it will be interesting to see what he decides upon after his personal inspection of Satary.

The Archbishop Patriarch has left for Lisbon for the benefit of his health and the Archdiocese is to be governed by a "Junta" of 3 Ecclesiastics, presided over by the well known and popular Canon Monsignor Abren, a Native clergyman who enjoyed the confidence of the Patriarch and respect of the clergy in general.

Plague is now and then creating mischief and dead rats have been found in many houses in the city which has consequently a deserted appearance. The Chief of the Medical Department, Doctor Costa Alvares, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel, and is now visiting the districts of Damaun and Diu and which are sure to be benefitted by his visit, for he is a man of considerable experience and knowledge, and brilliant public writer and speaker.

Mangoes are being exported to your side, but the production this year has been a small one; hence high prices.

TAMPERING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—At the close of the Corporation meeting yesterday both the President and the Hon. Mr. Mehta explained to me that the word tamper that I had made use of implied fraud and hence was libellous. I need hardly say that such an importation into the meaning of the word was completely absent from my mind, as there was no possibility of connecting fraud with the matter I complained of. Moreover the common English use of the word as I used it yesterday in no way implies fraud. I have often reproved my children and servants for tampering with my papers, while many accidents occur from tampering with explosives and fire arms, and no fraud is implied in any of these cases. Lawyers live on the follies and sins of others, and if they in consequence import legal meanings into words of common use they must not expect laymen to accept their technical legal interpretations of words that are used otherwise in ordinary common everyday English. I used the word "tamper" in the natural sense of alterations and omissions made without my knowledge and sanction in minutes that I had personally written and signed, however innocent the motive for making these changes may have been. I know that there was no motive behind the changes I complained of, for there could not have been any actuating motive in the matter; I only protested as a matter of principle against unauthorized changes being made—Yours, &c

C. B. MAYNE, Lt. Col., R. E.

29th April.

The latest bowler which will, doubtless, become very fashionable this season (says a writer in "To-Day") is made of some kind of fur, shaved down till its surface is about as rough as that of a blanket. The colour is a dark slaty grey, a pleasant change from the everlasting black felt. It is a hat that will be wanted by all smart men; in fact, a large number of these hats have already been sold to the best-dressed men in town. Those men who like to go to the extremes of fashion can have the hat dyed a fawn colour, and with a surface rougher than that of the grey hat.

ART MUSIC, AND THE DRAMA.

THE NEW ENGLISH ART CLUB.

HANDEL AND "THE MESSIAH."

"LES TROIS GLORRIEUSES."

LONDON, April 11.

The New English Art Club is losing its note of novelty. Each succeeding exhibition has rendered this clearer, and clearer Eccentricity has been gradually shed. There is much to admire, but there is little to amaze. It still has its cachet. It is still in a way, but in a very modified way, militant. But its militancy is not so full of challenge as when it started its career, and, let us add, in a great measure, achieved its aim. The show used to be gay enough, but this year there is a success of sobriety that comes close to lugubriousness. That is the first impression, as we look round the room. Half a dozen life-sized portraits in black with dark backgrounds, and nearly as many night landscapes, aided by a few black frames, give one a depressing welcome. But the depression is not permanent. Mr. Wilson Steer's "A Nude" (No. 113), the central piece of the long wall as we enter, is the most emphatic protest against the prevalent gloom. It is a cheerful figure, cheerfully sketched, and expresses the vigour of Rubens, with the palette of Romney. It is seen that it is always a picture, that is to say, something more than a mere study, and justified within its own limits by its own method. On the same wall, a little further on, we come on a canvas that suggests the Academy more than the New English Art Club. It is a well-painted and sincerely-finished portrait of Mr. Staats Frobes (No. 97), by Mr. William Orpen. The face is interesting for its own sake and, with its mobile features and hair turning to silver, recalls the conversationalist of the Old School. Of course, the coat is black and the back-ground sombre. Black in costume also, through relieved against a flowered wall paper, is the standing figure of Miss Vanessa Stephen (No. 85), by Mr. Charles Furse, which holds the place of honour on the end wall, flanked by other darkly-appareled subjects, and by midnight skies. She is graceful, and looks at us sadly over her shoulder, turning away from a very dull mirror on the wall to do so. Her face has something of the type and even of the charm that belongs to an early Millais, but the reflection in the glass is not only too muddy in its shadow passages, but is too large, and defies the most elementary rules of prospective. But when beauty is so rare, and an unaffected style of execution by no means common, this picture makes a pleasing effect. Of the other portraits, there is little to be said, when the surprise at their dead level of depressingness is over.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Spencer Edwards are notable, partly because they sit together at a table, and fill the largest canvas in the room (No. 81), and partly because Mrs. McEvoy, in painting them, has evidently been influenced by the style of Mr. Orchardson. But she lacks his brillIance in the lights and his vibration and variety in the shades. The Hon. Mrs. Harold Mostyn has entrusted herself to Mr. Douglas Robinson, who has quenched the clearness of her complexion and the clearness of her gown in a clay-coloured opacity that is neither colour nor tone. Anecdote, the subject picture, is found unexpectedly on these walls. "The Valuers," (No. 56), by Mr. Orpen, shews the brokers in the studio. Four soulless creatures, in fitless coats, painted with a kind of vindictive appreciation of their calling, have come to appraise the scanty furniture of a poor artist about to be sold up. They pause, three in disapproval, one in furtive admiration, before his only picture—a pantomime group with a Harlequin and a Columbine. "The Valuers" is a capital picture of character, recalling Mr. Frith's first subjects, but executed with a breadth of touch acquired in Continental schools of which Mr. Frith had no experience. Close to this is a large, black canvas, like a pall, against which two or three lead-grey arches seem to have been slid on like a stage scene. There is but little stage, however, for a single plank would fill the space between their facade and the edge of the picture. This is Mr. Sickert's "Nocturn, St. Marks," No. 53. It is astudy, perhaps, for some picture in course of execution. Very different is Mr. Douglas Robinson's "On the Banks of the Seine—Moonlight, No. 63. The last word in the title can only have been added for very indiscriminating visitors. It is true that there is no moon in the picture, but it is full of moonlight—not the staring, green operatic moonlight, but the half-veiled and wholly pensive kind that controls us with its quiet, and enchains us with its gentleness.

Guided by an entirely opposite mood, yet with as certain and natural a style, Miss Alice Fanner has rendered, not merely the brightness of nature seen through sun and wind, in No. 88, a sketch of a country road on a windy day, but she has given a feeling of the booyancy of spirits that we feel in a bracing wind. Hung on the end wall, this picture, though not large, follows one all over the gallery in the bright veracity of its vivid life. Successful for sincerity and directness of style, though of less superabundant emphasis, Nos 102 "Farmhouse," and 108, "The village," by Miss Beatrice Bland, attract the eye. Sunshine painted for its happiness, white walls for their clearness, roofs for their warmth, or trees for their life—everything in these little canvases comes straight from the artists own feeling and goes straight to ours. It is strange how many of the best landscapes in the show are by ladies. We may cite Miss Gardiner's "Petite Maison," No. 103, as yet another example. As we leave the gallery, Mr. Julian Tharp's "Happy Valley" is one of the last things we notice. It is essentially a piece of colourist's colour. It merely shows a hill-side, quite near us, with a few trees on the crest, and a stream cutting the level meadow at the base; but it shows it with the seeing eye. The water-colours here are few and slight, a fen design, full of pleasant Georgian feeling, like that of one of Mr. Austin Dobson's poems. No. 17, "The Altercation," by Mr. Charles Conder, some sheep by Mr. Duff, No. 22, and Mr. George Thomson's "The Gower Coast" may be mentioned, while no one accustomed to these shows will overlook the delicately tinted impressions of Mr. Brabazon, or Mr. D. S. MacColl's suggestive sketches.

It seemed strange, considering that the matter had been thrashed out years ago, to see in one of the evening papers an article headed "Where did Handel write the Messiah?" It appears that the subject has again cropped up in the provinces, and that Mr. W. Alcock has written to a Birmingham journal to declare that Handel composed the oratorio in Liffey-street, Dublin. The discovery is, however, a mare's nest. There is not the smallest doubt that the oratorio was written in London, and the dates given in the MS. in Handel's own writing prove that he finished the work before he ever went to Ireland. The dates on the autograph show that Handel commenced the oratorio on August 22, 1741, finishing the first part on August 28, and the second on September 6. Then at the end comes the entry, "S.D.G. Fine dell Oratorio, G. F. Handel, September 12, 1741, ausgefullet den 14 sieses." Thus, including th' two days spent in "filling up," the entire "Messiahr occupied Handel twenty-four days, ending Septembel 14, 1741 He then undoubtedly was in London. Handel did not, in fact, start from London for Ireland till some weeks later—namely, the early part of November 1741. The musical historian, Burney, then a boy of fifteen, saw Handel as he passed through Chester, and has left an amusing account of a private trial of some of the choroses of the "Messiah" while Handel was waiting for a favourable wind to cross to Ireland. Indeed, one of the best known of the Handelian anecdotes is that of Janson, the Chester printer, who had been called in to the Golden Falcon to take part as a "base" singer in "And with His stripes," and who broke down so thoroughly that Handel, after swearing in four or five different languages, called him a scoundrel, and asked whether he had not said he could sing at sight, to which the terrified printer replied, Yes, sir; but not at first sight. It was not until November 18, 1741, that Faulkner's Journal was able to announce that the celebrated Dr. Handel arrived here in Dublin in the Packet Boat from Holyhead. No doubt, even after the original performance in the Music-hall, Fishamble-street, Dublin, in 1742 Handel revised and re-wrote portions of the oratorio But a letter is still extant from Handel to his librettist, Jannens, starting. It was with the greatest pleasure that I saw the continuation of your kindness by the lines you were pleased to send me, in-order to be prefixe'd to your oratorio Messiah, which I set to music before I left England. This letter is dated Dublin December 29,1741, and it is, of course, decisive.

"Another drama of the days of the French Revolution!" will perhaps be the exclamation of the reader at the news of the play by M. Lenotre in preparation at the Odeon Theatre. The statement is correct; but the revolution referred to is not that of 1789, but that of the "glorious three days" which drove Charles X. from his throne, and put in his place his astute kinsman Louis Philippe. Hence the title, "Lestrois Glorieuses." Hitherto dramatists have not found much attiaction in the period referred to—perhaps because the costumes of 1830, and especially the ladies' toilettes, are rather quaintly old-fashioned than picturesque or becoming: but this is a difficulty which the author and the management hope to overcome. Through the action takes place in the very midst of that struggle, the fourth coming play has no very direct association with polities. The first act of M. Lonotre's play passes nevertheless in the now vanished Place of St. Cloud; the second in a military post on the Quai de Gesvres abandoned by the Swiss guards of the Royal Army the third in the shop of a laundress at Passy, in the western suburbs of Paris; and the fourth and last in the salon of a wealthy banker, where, after the triumph of the insurrection, the host and his guests are depicted as perplexed regarding the new regime, while each is eager to turn to his own advantage the new position of affairs. A great feature of the scenic displays which are preparing for the occasion will be the elaborate panorama in the second act of Paris, with Notre Dame and the surrounding houses which claims to be a faithful reproduction of the view of the city as presented at that period from the house tops at a spot at or near the present site of Madam Sarah Bernhardt's theatre.

STRAIGHT SHOTS IN THE NAVY.

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Another point that would greatly improve the gunnery of the ships is to make the commander responsible as executive officer for gunnery as for everything else. Under the present system the gunnery officer reports direct to the captain. The consequence is there is often friction between the commander and the gunnery officer. If the commander were made responsible he would take greater interest in the ship's percentage of its, and seeing that he is answerable for the discipline of the ship and for the supply of all working parts required by the gunnery officer, it is important to enlist the sympathetic interest of commanders in gunnery practices.

Whale Island, the Cambridge, and Sheerness Gunnery School are the only places where gunnery stands before all else. In future all sea-going ships must be schools of gunnery, and the percentage of hits should be raised at least 10 per cent. within a year. How can this be done? First, by public interest in the subject; secondly, by rewards to the men and promotion to the officers; and thirdly, by complete revolution on the Admiralty methods of regarding naval smartness as consisting of gold leaf, bright paint, and polished brass work. I am of opinion that the name of Grounds as the best shot of 1901 ought to be as well known in the British Empire as the Derby winner. I should like to see a sum of £300 annually presented to the best shot of the best ship in the Navy. The institution of a Naval Bisley might prevent the occurrence of a naval Sedan.

THE CHIEF OF MANGROL.

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS.

The members of the Anjuman-i-Mahumood invited the Chief of Mangrol Nawab Shaik Hussain Mia, the president at the Bombay Presidency Muhamedan Educational Conference to their premises in Huzra street last night, to receive a valedictory address from the Anjuman, in acknowledgment of his unceasing efforts in the cause of Mohummedan education and to offer him their heartfelt thanks for his unstinted exertions to ameliorate the condition of his co-religiousness generally. The Anjuman premises were very beautifully decorated and illuminated for the occassion and about 2,000 Mohammedans of different sects responded to the invitation of the Anjuman. Prominent among those present were—The Chief of Mangrol Jehangir Mea, Nawabzada Nasrulla Khan, Mirza Abdul Husen Shirazi, Mr Muhammed Husen Makba, Kazi Kabiruddin, Barrister-at-Law, Mr. Ann Ali, Barrister-at-Law, Khan Bahadur Abdurdur Razak Kritas, Moulvi, Abdulla Ahmed, Ramzan Khan Patel, Munshi Shaik Saleman, Dr. Gulam Sarwar, Mr. Gulam Rasool, Mr. Muhammad Abdulla, Mr. Adul Gaffur, Mr. Gulam Husen, Khan Sahib Ibrahim Hafiz, Munshi Abdul Karim, Kazi Muhammad Ismail Mahri, Kazi Ismail Chilmal and others.

The Chief of Mangrol accompanied by his brother, his private Secretary and Nawabzada Nasrulla Khan arrived at 9-45 p.m. and was receivnd by the President and members of the Anjuman. Mr. M. H. Makba presided. Moulvi Abdulla Ahmed the president of the Anjuman Mahmood read the address in which praise was accorded to the Nawab of Mangrol for his zealous and unremitting Solicitude for the spread of education among his co-religiousts and a fervent hope was expressed that he would kindly continue his sympathy and exertions in the cause in future. Allusions were also made to the deep and incesse t labours of Nawabzada Nasrulla Khan in the same cause.

The chief in making a fitting and eloquent reply cordially thanked the Anjuman for the honor they had done him and assured all present of his sincere and heartfelt sympathy with the cause which the Muhammdan conference had at heart and said that he would spare no pains to have the conference plaeed on a firm and solid footing. In passing he paid a tribute of praise and gratitude to the Government of Bombay for the helpful and sympathtetic attitude they had adopted towards the conference and the active sympathy they showed withits aims and aspirations. After the conclusion of the Nawabs speech Moulvi Abdulla Ahmed made floral offerings to the chief his brother Jabangir Mia, Nawatzada Nuserala Khan and the Chairman of the meeting.

The Nawab's brother next rose and thanked the Anjuman in a neat little speech and made grateful acknowledgments for their kind invitation. Nawabzada Nasrulla Khan, General Secretary of the conference followed with an excellent speech describing the object of the Conference and the details of the Rupee Scheme and concluded with an exhortation to the leaders of the Community to extend an helping haud to the Conference by carrying out the scheme formauted for the purpose of securing pecunary support to the undertaking. Mr. Syed Moinuddin next thanked the chief of mangrol for his kind acceptance of the Anjuman's invitation. Light refrehments were than served and after the distribution of flowers the function terminated but not before the chief had shaken hands with each and every one present.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

BY THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL COMMANDING THE FORCES, BOMBAY.

Office of the Depy Adjutant-General, Bombay Command,
Poona, 25th April 1902.

WITH the approval of H E the Commander-in-Chief in India, the Lieut Genl Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointment:—4th Bombay Rifles—Lieut C S Pike, 1st Battn West Yorkshire Regt, a candidate for the Indian Staff Corps, to be officiating Double Coy Officer, dated 19th March 1902.

The Lieut Genl Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointment:—25th Bombay Rifles—2nd Lieut C H Clutterbuck, Unattached List, to be Officiating Double Coy Officer, dated 10th April 1902.

The undermentioned Officer has qualified for the appointment of Acting Paymaster:—Lieut C R W Allen, 2nd Battn Welsh Regt.

The undermentioned Officers are directed to report themselves on 1st May 1902, to the Controller of Military Accounts, Bombay Command, Poona, to undergo a Course of Instruction for the appointment of Acting Paymaster:—Lieut G Thompson, 2nd Battn Connaught Rangers; 2nd Lieut T G M Harris, 1st West Yorkshire Regt; and 2nd Lieut A W C Knox, 2nd Batt Royal Irish Regt.

The undermentioned officer has passed an examination in the following language:—Marathi—Obligatory test—On the April 1902, in accordance with Para 143, A L, I, Vol II, Part A—Lieut W B Roberts, 1st Bom Grenadiers.

The undermentioned Officers have leave of absence.—

West Yorkshire Regt 1st Battn—Lieut and Acting Paymaster R Isacke, out of India, for six months, on medical certificate.

Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd Batta—Capt M Lawndes, out of India, for six months, on private affairs.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. F. NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay 30th April, 1902.

1. Members who have not already returned their Arms and Equipment to Head-quarters are requested to do so at once.

2. It is notified for information that the Bombay Volunteer Rifles, Rifles Association Prizes, which have not yet been paid can be had on application at Head-Quarters.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

ALLEGED FRAUD AND FORGERY.

YESTERDAY at the Esplanade Police Court before Mr. T. J. Strangman, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Noormahomed Haji Cassam Mitha charged Kaikhosroo Maneckji Setna, with forgery and using as genuine a forged cheque fraudulently, in respect of a Honkong and Shanghai Bank cheque of Rs. 5,500, purported to have been drawn by the complainant on 12th October 1900. Mr. H. Sealy, pleader, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Welinker, pleader, with Mr. Paymaster, pleader, defended the accused.

Mr. Sealy in opening the case said that on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of January last two suits Nos. 419 an 420 were filed by the complainant in the Small-Causes Court, Bombay, against the accused and one Shivshanker Gopalji. During the course of the case Mr. Billimoria, pleader for the defendant in that case, produced a cheque of Rs. 5,500 alleged to have been drawn by the complainant and passed to the accused and put it in as an exhibit. No sooner was the cheque shown to the complainant in the court that day than the complainant said that it was a forgery.

Mr. Welinker urged that the cheque was seen by the Judge and all the members of the bar at that time and no mention of forgery was made at that time. It was at 3 o'clock after lunch that the complainant brought the story of forgery.

Mr. Sorabji Framji Bilimoria, pleadar, gave evidenc that he defended the accused, Kaikhasroo Maneckji Sethna, in the suits No 419 and 420 in the Small Causes Court, Bombay. His client had handed the cheque to him which was put in as an exhibit, and decrees were passed in that case.

The complainant stated that he knew the accused. He had advanced money on certain "hundis to the accused. As the "hundis" were not paid he had filed a suit against him, during the course of which the accused had produced a cheque purpoted to have been drawn by him (complainant) on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. He had never had any account with that bank. He examined the cheque there and then in the Court. On seeing the signature on the cheque he disowned it and said that it was a forgery. He had instructed his solicitor on the point the same moment and it was before the lunch time. He knew Kaikhsoroo Barjorji Chowksy very well, he had some transactions with him before. He has nothing to do in the transaction between the accused and Chowksi about the mortgage of the property in Bora Bazar. He had some conversation with Chowksi about the cheque about 7 days after the case in the Small Causes Court was over. Chowksy then told him that the accused had brought the cheque to him with a title deed, but immediately after he brought cash and took the cheque away, the complainant said that his object in asking Chowksi about the cheque 7 days after the case, was to be doubly sure about it as he wanted to take steps against the accused.

Cross-examined by Mr. Welinker the complainant said that he had given evidence on behalf of Chowksi in the Small Causes Court in some cases. Mr. Welinker then alluded to the remarks of the Judge in a certain case which went to show that the verocity of the complainant was doubtful. The complainant sain that he knew nothing about the case, but that Chowksi had lost it. The complainant was asked if he knew English, to which he replied, he knew how to sign his name only. His signature was taken and put in as an exhibit.

Kaikhosroo Barjorji Chowksi in his examination said that he was share broker and that he owned a flotill a of barges, boats and steam launches, which he plied in the Bombay harbour. He said that he owned a house in Bora Bazar which he sold to the accused some two years back for Rs. 26,000. The accused had paid him Rs. 16,000 and the rest was paid in instalments. One of those instalments was paid by a cheque of Rs 5,500, which was referred to at the end of the consideration clause. Of these Rs. 5,500, Rs. 5,000 were to be taken by him and Rs. 500 to be devoted to the payment of Mulji's costs and Shivshanker's brokerage.

Chowksi was then cross-examined with regard to his previous evidence with reference to the cheque in which he had said that the cheque was of Rs. 5,000. He said that the statement made by him that the cheque was of Rs. 5,000 was wrong.

At this stage the court adjourned.

CITY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

AT a meeting of the Bombay Improvement Trust held last evening, Mr. S. Rebsch presided; and the other members present were General Sir J. Willcocks, Colonel H. D. Ollivier, Messrs. W. C. Hughes, E. Grey, F. Macrae, Sassoon J. David, Major Meyer, Messrs. D. E. Wacha, H. C. Armstrong, the Hon. Sir Bhalchandra, the Hon. Mr. Ebrahim Rahimtula and Mr. W. N. Shilstone, the secretary.

THE WODEHOUSE ROAD ESTATE.

The Board accepted the tender of Messrs. Teju, Kaya & Co. for the construction of the sanctioned roads on the Wodehouse Road Estate.

THE J. N. PETIT INSTITUTE.

On the application of the J. N. Petit Institute, the Board granted the transfer of lease of the ten feet strip of land from plot 59-60, Hornby Road Estate, to Messrs. William Watson and Co. on terms advised by the solicitors of the Board.

STABLES ON WODEHOUSE ROAD ESTATE.

On the application of Mr. J. N. Tata, the Board allowed the substitution of the name of the Indian Hotels Company, Limited, in place of Mr. J. N. Tata, as lessees of the stable site on the Wodehouse Road Estate.

OMISSION OF A TEMPLE FROM IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

The Board recorded the representation, from certain Hindoos, residing about the Carnac Road and Esplanade 2nd Cross Lane, requesting omission of a temple from the Board's scheme No. II.

CAPITALISTS HOUSING THE POOR.

The Board resumed consideration of the Chairman's note on housing the poorer and working classes through the agency of capitalists.

The Hon. Mr. Hughes' minute on the subject had been circulated to the Trustees.

It was resolved by a majority to refer the matter to the Land Committee with the addition of Major Meyer.

NEW IMPROVEMENT TRUST OFFICES.

Designs had been received by the Chairman for the Board offices proposed to be constructed on a site near the Esplanade. The Chairman said the first prize was secured by Mr. F. C. Stevens, who would get a commission of ten per cent. on the value of the building. The second prize of Rs. 500 would be awarded to Mr. Stermer Hack for his design. Mr. Steven's design, the Chairman said, was far and away the best of the number of designs received by him.

The Board then adjourned.

G. I. P. VOLUNTEERS.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND CUPS.

A VERY pleasing ceremony took place on Monday evening at Parel (G.I.P. Railway), when a special volunteer parade, with band in attendance, was held by the Parel Companies in connection with the distribution of Long Service Medals and Cups won by the members of "K" and "N" Companies Rifle Club. Mrs. Gundry gave away the prizes in the absence of Mrs. Traill, who unfortunately arrived a little late.

Major Traill, Acting Loco-Superintendent, congratulated the men on receiving the Long Service Medals, and said that he hoped they would live long to wear them.

The following are the names of the recipients of the medals:—Color-Sergt. J. Brand, "A" Co.; Lce.-Corpl. T. Hayter, "A" Co.; Sergt.-Sawyers, "K" Company; and Bandsman Mathews, "N" Co.

WINNERS OF CUPS.

Vol. R. Bamford	Silver Cup.
Vol. Lilywhite	do.
Vol. A. C. Otto	do.
Vol. De Monte	do.
Vol. F. E. Otto	do.
Vol. Lilywhite.	Sergeant Major's Cup
Vol. A. C. Otto.	Revd. Gundry's Cup.

Sergt. Cutter was awarded a bronze medal.

After the distribution of awards, three cheers were given for Mrs. Gundry and Major Traill, who has made himself very popular with the men.

A FREE VETERINARY BOOK.

A most useful Veterinary Book is now attached to every bottle of Condy's Fluid. This Book contains instructions for curing Ailments and Accidents affecting Horses, Dogs, Sheep, Cattle, Poultry, etc.

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Caution.—Beware of local substitutes, all are inferior. Insist on having "Condy's Fluid." The name and address of the sole makers, Condy & Mitchell, Ltd., of 65, Goswell Road, London, England, is at foot of label. Condy's Fluid can be obtained everywhere through Chemists and Stores.

THE PUNJABI VERNACULAR.

(A SKETCH BY A PUNJABI.)

In a small social gathering, when the dinner is safely deposited at its destination, there is always an outburst of enthusiasm on the orthodox lines.

"What are we doing for the advancement of our language, the enrichment of our literature? inquired Babu Lakhshmi Das, the oracle of the assembly.

"Is it not a matter of great shame that amidst our multifarious concerns, our mother-tongue should find, us callous?" says another gentleman who was addressed as the Mr. Burke of the college days.

"True, 'Mr. Burke,' the revelations at the Universities Commission showed how shamefully we have been neglecting our language and literature."

"Don't you think, Sir, that something is being done in this direction? My idea is that we are pushing on the problem, and that soon it would have reached 'within the range of practical politics,'" exclaimed Pundit Durga Dutta.

"There I cannot agree. You cannot claim that our mother-tongue is in capable hands at all," says Maulvie Hasan Ahmad.

"I should be sorry to contradict you, but we have done much for the study of Sanskrit during the last two decades."

"Ah, ha! is that you call your mother-tongue, my friend?" laughed the Maulvie. "Sanskrit! your mothers and wives speaking, since when?"

"Well, well, Maulvi ji' there I am perfectly with you. Sanskirit is no longer our language. That period, centuries back, cannot be recalled, said Mr. Beni Parshad.

"What has become of you, Mr. Parshad, who ever saw you supporting a Maulvie? Are you not ashamed of your conduct?"

"And just fancy him denying the recognised position of our sacred language the language of our sacred treasures, the language which our Rishis spoke. Mr. Parshad is surely getting denationalised," cries 'Mr. Burke.'

"Oh! no, 'Mr. Burke' and gentlemen, I have not sold away my creed. I have not changed my opinions. There I am as staunch as any of you." Mr. Parshad tries to clear the air.

"An explanation is certainly due from Mr. Parshad. He owes us an explanation, ' is the verdict of the oracle.

"Well, gentlemen, I feel bound to say that Sanskrit is not our vernacular. It is our classical language to which all of us owe respect. But no progress can be made, at any rate with respect to the teeming millions,' until we can improve our vernacular.'

"It seems to me, we misunderstood our friend," says 'Mr. Burke.' "He evidently means that Hindi should be made accessible to every person, man, woman or child in the province. There we evidently agree. Do we not, friends?"

It is a laudable object," puts in Pundit Darga Dutta.

"If that is the laudable object of my friend, Mr. Parshad, it is impossible that I should agree with you," rejoins the Maulvie." I am a Punjabi, born and bred, but I could never accept Hindi, Indeed Urdu has admittedly occupied a position of vantage among the society people, that it should never be dislodged-"

"True, well said, Mauiviji, I fully ditto your valuable words," adds Munshi Mathura Charan, a Kayestha gentleman. "My family have always been great scholars in Urdu and Persian, which are thoroughly polished languages."

"There you are again at fault," puts in a Khalsa Sardar Narain Singh. "Gurmukhi is the real vernacular of the Punjab. The sacred Granth is written in the vernacular, so that people may easily understand."

"No, no, certainly not, your Granth Sahib is written in a stiff language in which every language has its share. You cannot claim that is your spoken language," says the Maulvie.

"And do you mean to say that the ladies of your family speak the language you please to call Urdu?" retorted the Sardar.

"And who says Hindi is the spoken language of our mothers and wives?" now puts in the triumphant Mr. Prashad in his turn.

"Why should you struggle for names? What is in a name. What we speak is neither Gurmukhi, Hindi nor Urdu. It is what we may truly call the Punjabi."

"I admit that the Hindi language is not spoken in our homes, but does it not contribute a large part of the vocabularly" says the Pandit.

"Does not Urdu similarly assist you a great deal and do not our children call it their vernacular in school, remarks the Munshie.

"Oh, ho! that is an unnatural system. Is it not, says the oracle.

"And does not the Gurmukhi contribute to the sacred treasures of the Punjabi?

"There you are again off the mark 'Sardar Sahib,' replies Mr. Prashad. "We are no doubt thankful to all the sources which enrich our own language, but that cannot make other dialects our own. Don't you remember that English is English, though its vocabulary is recruited from every possible source"?

"But, Mr. Prashad, excuse me, what is the harm if you adopt the Hindi garb for your spoken language? inquires the Pundit.

And Gurmukhi, adds the Sardar.

And Urdu, joins the Maulvi.

That is the worst of it, replies Mr. Prashad.

The other day the Commission that inquired into the University system wanted to know what was the vernacular of the Punjab and no reply was forthcoming. Poor Punjabi! I sometimes wish we had not so many garbs out of which to choose. Would it not be better for Punjabi that all these languages had rather been at the bottom of the sea than hindering its real growth by constant quarrels for its patronage. Let Hindi prosper, let Urdu grow, let Gurmukhi flourish, but why stand in the way of the Punjabi vernacular? Why should other languages come forward as imposters to occupy its place in the popular estimation?"

"What would you suggest then, Mr. Critic? asks Mr. Burke in anger. Denouncing everything and suggesting nothing. Nothing but destructive criticism."

"Gentlemen, the best plan would be to invent an entirely new character, but though easy, many a wrong-headed man may not accept that. Could we not try the experiment with Roman-Punjabi—?

'A Traitor,' a traitor, from many mouths drowned the voice of Mr. Prashad.

MALTESE ENGLISH.

A foreign tongue in Parliaments and courts of Law is a disintegrating influance which perpetuates race rivalry in its worst form. There is no single social or political environment so powerful as that of a common tongue." So writes Captain Mahan, and indifferent colonists as we may consider the French in many respects, they, at any rate, are of his way of thinking. During their very short occupation of Malta, they insisted upon its inhabitants learning French, but we, after just a century in the island, are only now taking steps to establish our language as the official medium, and have naturally enough met with violent opposition from the "patriotic" section in the Government Council. The odd thing about it is that the language they are so intent upon preserving is not their own curious lingo, but Italian!

Side by side with their unconquerable objection to accept English as their official language, there exists, however, a very genuine desire to cater for the wants of our Army and Navy, and as Jack and Tommy show no disposition to acquire a knowledge of either Italian or Maltese, the islander who aspires to gain their custom must perforce take the trouble to address them in something distantly, yet unmistakably resembling the English language. The smaller tradesmen, cabmen, boatmen, servants, and, above all, the grog-shop keepers, treat our unpopular but useful mother-tongue in a manner quite indescribably diverting to the passer-by—though more often irritating to their interlocutor—and every effort to attract an Englishman is made by labelling public-houses and boats with English names. Such titles as "The economical Smoker's Cave," "The Industrious Bee," and "The Honest Coffee House," appear above the doors of dingy grog-shops, while every ship in the Mediterranean fleet has sooner or later a public-house dedicated to it; though it is true that H.M.S. Agamemnon may be effaced from the tavern-sign in favour of H.M.S. Ramillies, and H. M. S Dreadnought give place to H. M. S. Royal Sovereign, as one ship is succeeded by another on the station. The dghaisas (gondolas of Malta), too, are almost invariably given English names, some of them, such as Wire in Mamluk, being of mysterious origin. But Harry and Charley and England for Ever represent the usual style and title of the boat that plies for hire.

Sometimes one may find an inscription in the worst possible English outside a shop, and wonder whether it is from unwillingness to consult an authority on the English language, or a total indifference, that the writer has seen fit to expose his ignorance to the Englishman in the street. Take the following pasted on the shutter of an upholsterer's shop:—

Great special novelty for sleep comfortable
The work made by machine
Animal hairs guaranded not to be damaged by this sistim.

Even in the English daily paper of Malta there occur mistakes so engaging as to add materially to its value in the eyes of a malaprop hunter. In the Telegrams of the Day one may find such announcements as these:—The Princess of Wales is expected to make a cruise in Mittelmeer (? Mediterranean); The Greek flag is downhauled; and, strangest of all, The Pope has operated upon a cyst in his thigh, and is doing well.

In the account of a trial for murder, the following gem appeared:—

I saw the bludgeon in the back yard, sometimes hanged, sometimes not. I saw prisoner between midnight and four in the morning. When I used to see him in these hours I used to bow to him only. He used to carry a stick under his shoulders.

No doubt the Maltese printer's devil has to answer for such slips as H. M. S. Nunph (Nymphe) merry quibs, and that notarious pony. It would seem, indeed, almost possible that it is he who not only sets up in type, but actually translated into English the librettos of the operas given at Valetta. Perhaps Mignon furnishes the largest number of errors of all kinds, but the Ballo in Maschera for sheer high-flown nonsense is second to none. The former gives us—

(1) O harmy April, thou who to the withered jowers
Their colours by thy genial presence dust restore.
(2) All clad in steel of proof wey wend his wap.
(3) The flames do even now costume you mansion

Besides this, Mignon bands (bounds ?) with joy and we read of her fainting farm, a furtul blow, and that she has excapted.

We should like to give Scene 4, Act I. of the Ballo as it stands, but three passages musts office:—

Oscar: The Chief Judge.
Riccardo: Let be come forward.
Judge: Count!
Riccardo: What her name? What is she guilty of?
Judge: Her name is Ulrica, of the negroes generation.
Oscar: Around whom crowd together every progeney.
Judge: She is suspected of every wicked advice. The exile is due to her.
Oscar: Who catches hold of the labour's petticoat.
Either goes to sea or flies to war;
His sweet or bitter vicissitudes
Learns from her in the doubtful heart.

Riccardo decides to visit Ulrica, and cries to his dependents:

Give up yourselves to pleasure,
And let us run to the magic roof,
Midst the crowd of credulous may every one.
Abandon himself and play the fool with me.

Amelia does not approach Ulrica's haunts with so light a heart:—

This (she cries) is the horrible camp
Where crime joins himself to death.
The plant is there, grows green to its feet. Let us enter!
Ah, my same feet's noise fills me with dread and fear!

Naturally the Maltese pick up a good many naval and military terms, and their familiar use of them strikes one at first as curious. They call the odd man, or boots in a house or hotel the fatigue, and a dghaisa-man spoke once to the writer of a suicide's capsizing himself over Sta. Barbara's bastion. The extraordinary difficulty he seems to find in using pronouns correctly makes a Maltese quite unintelligible now and then to an ordinary Englishman, as the ambiguities which arise are confusing beyond belief. He, she, and it appear to a Maltese mind to equally well for any gender, number, or case; and upon them he will ring the changes. Your wife is it and you are she, and the washerwoman is he today; but to-morrow (or, indeed, in the next sentence), the pronouns will be quite differently applied.

There are, however, among the lower classes many who persevere in trying to speak and even write English correctly, and since leaving Malta the present writer has received more than one letter from a faithful servant—letters not at all of the conventional pattern, but full of news and quaintly worded comments upon men and things. One charming sentence culled from a letter announcing the despatch of a toy batterie de cuisine, deserves honourable mention:—

I send you this little tiny thing to show you the use of cooking the Maltese and I have send it to you as I know you like the curious things of antiquities.

With reference to the above a former acting editor of the "Malta Chronicle" writes:—If the Maltese are bad at the English language, the average British officer in Malta is not much better as regards written English, and as regards punctuation and handwriting he is sadly to seek. Mr. Antonio Bartole, the printer of the "Malta Chronicle," and Borg his foreman, were often at their wits end as to what writers meant. An Englishman's Italian vocabulary is generally limited to musical tags. An officer was once getting into a boat, and asked the boatman for his arm. "La ci darem la mano," he said. The orderly assisted his officer, and added, "Mano, you sur, and put a bit of jelde in it." Many times have I heard Aspetta un petto said to a cabman who was wanted to wait a bit. 'In petto" was supposed to be the same as en petit. A field officer used to insist on having the word English printed english."

It is were Englishmen encourage the Maltese to use English words in the exact opposite of the proper sense that they do so much harm. On the golf links, if a player wants a high tee, he says "plenty to his caddie, and the caddie heaps up some more sand. If you are being shampooed, and wish the barber to stop, beware of saying plenty; says stop, or "zum." In a recent letter to London morning daily concurrence was use by the writer in the sense of competition; a leading article writer understood it to mean agreement. The Gentleman's Magazine of fashion is the name of a shop. One printer at Malta used to talk about composing and discomposing type; as there was no word picking, he refused to recognize unpicking. The drollest thing on earth is to hear an officer of the Royal Malta Artillery acting as interpreter on a court-martial. It is enough to convince you that he must frequently be at a loss to understand an Irish, Scots, or even a Yorkshire witness. And a Royal Artilleryman is liable to have officers of the Royal Malta Artillery try him.

In Maltese pidgin-English. No good simply means I don't know. Too means very. When the Fencibles came back from Egypt a Maltese tradesman remarked, These Maltese are too brave. The English spoken by the foreman at the Sick Man's sweet shop is droll. If you ask him whether he ever sells any of some two hundred little-heard-of liqueurs, he says: Suppose a shentleman come in and ask for a drink, I don't say Haven't got; I tell him Yes. And the garrison and fleet encourage that sort of talk.—"Pall Mall Gazette."

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(Gazette of India, April 25).

HOME DEPARTMENT.

H E the Govr-Genl is pleased to add the following Consular Officer to the list of those declared by Home Department Notification No, 672, dated the 30th April 1897, whether permanently or temporarily in office, to have, as such, the privilege of private entree to Govt House at Calcutta:—The Consul for Mexico.

The Govr-Genl in Council is pleased to appoint the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Brett to perform the duties of the office of President of the Board of Examiners, Calcutta, during the absence on furlough of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rampini, or until further orders.

The services of Capt T. A. O. Langston, I M S (Bengal), are replaced at the disposal of the Military Dept.

The services of Capt G Hutcheson, M B, I M S, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh.

Consequent on the death of Mr W Jessop, 3rd Asst Suptd, Port Blair, the following appoints are made in the Port Blair Commission, with effect from the 23rd Feb:—Mr A Brown, 4th Asst Superintendent, to be 3rd Asst Supnt, vice Mr Jessop, deceased; Khan Bahadur Muhammad Ashiq Ali Khan 5th Asst Supt, to be 4th Asst Supt, vice Mr Brown; Mr R F Lewis, 6th Asst Supt, to be 5th Asst Supt vice Khan Bahadur Muhammad Ashiq Ali Khan Mr P Vaux (since deceased), 7th Asst Supt, to be 6th Asst Supt, vice Mr Lewis Mr W H Brookes, 8th Asst Supt, to be 7th Asst Supt, vice Mr Vaux Mr C W B Anderson Extra Asst Conservator of Forests, 2nd grade, and officer on special duty in the Port Blair Commission, to be 8th Asst Supt, vice Mr Brookes.

Consequent on the death of Mr P Vaux, 6th Asst Supt, Port Blair, the following appointments are made in the Port Blair Commission, with effect from the 25th Feb—Mr W H Brookes, 7th Asst Supt, to be 6th Asst Supt, vice Mr Vaux, deceased; and Mr C W B Anderson, 8th Asst Supt, to be 7th Asst Supt vice Mr Brookes.

The services of Mr F K Boyd, of the Indian Civil Service, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Legislative Dept, with effect from the 1st May.

Mr B G Geidt, I C S, Additional Dist and Sessions Judge, 24-Parganas and Hooghly, took his seat as an officiating Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal on the 11th April.

Lieut Col W Lambert, I S C, is appointed to officiate as Cant Magte of Peshawar.

Major F A C Keyyer, I S C, Cant Magte, Kampee, is granted privilege leave for twenty-five days with leave out of India for one year in continuation, with effect from the date on which he avails himself of it. Pension service—24th year, commenced on 1st May 1901.

The services of Major D B Thomson, 24th Bo Pioneers, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces for employment as an offg Cant Magte.

Mr E H H Lewis, Inspector of Police, Madras, is appointed to act as Asst Supt of Police, Coorg, during the absence on leave of Mr H F T Phillips.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

Major S G Burrard, R E, Offg Depy Surveyor Genl, is granted privilege leave for three months combined with furlough for fifteen months, under Articles 262-A and 340 ( ), of the Civil Service Regulations, with effect from the 1st May or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Capt F W Pirrie, I S C, Offg Depy Supt, 1st grade, Survey of India Dept, is granted privilege leave for two months and seven days combined with special leave for three months and twenty-three days, under Articles 264 A and 343, of the Civil Service Regulations, with effect from the 1st May or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Mr J Eliot, F R S, C I E, Meteorological Reporter to the Govt of India and Director General of Indian Observatories, is granted privilege leave for one month and eighteen days, under articles 277 and 291 of the Civil Service Regulations, combined with special leave for four months and twelve days under Articles 264 A and 336 (b) of the Civil Service Regulations, with effect from the 11th May, or the subsequent date on which he avail himself of it.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Capt R L Kennion, I S C, a Political Asst of the 2nd (officiating 1st) class, is posted as Asst Political Agent at Chilas.

Capt C T Ducat, I S C, a Political Asst of the 2nd class, is appointed, on return from leave, to officiate as a Political Asst of the 1st class and is posted as an Asst to the Resident in Meywar.

The Govr Genl in Council is pleased to recognise the appointment of Mr Hans R Schuler, as acting Consul for Germany at Calcutta, during the absence of Mr W Bleeck.

The Govr Genl in Council is pleased to recognise the appointment of Mr Fritz Feets, as acting Consul for Germany at Akyab, during the absence of Mr F Muller.

Capt H G Carnegy, I S C, First Asst to the Resident at Baroda, held charge of the office of Cantt Magte of the Cantt of Baroda, in addition to his own duties, from the 16th March to the 3rd April 1902, both days inclusive.

Lieut C C Murison, Indian Medical Service (Bombay), Residency Surg at Baroda, is appointed to be Cantt Magte of the Cantonment of Baroda, in addition to his own duties, with effect from the 4th April, and until further orders.

Mr G R Irwin, C S I, of the Indian Civil Service, a Resident of the 2nd class, and Genl Supt of Operations for the Suppression of Thagi and Dakaiti, is granted furlough for eighteen months, under article 340 (b) of the Civil Service Regulations, with effect from the 21st May.

THE NATIVE PRESS.

SIR CHARLES OLLIVANT.

IN regard to the retirement of the Hon. Sir Charles Ollivant, the "Rast Goftar" observes: After a service of over thirty years spent in the most arduous and responsible work that can ever fall to a public servant in this country. Sir Charles Ollivant left these shores for good yesterday amid the sincere regret of the people of this Presidency, to enjoy his well-earned rest at Home. Viewed from any standpoint, the public career of Sir Charles has been of a character to which he can reasonably look back with pride and satisfaction. His was an eventful career, marked at every stage by a versatility of intellect seldom met with among the administrators of the country. Whether as a Collector or a Municipal Commissioner, as a Political Agent or a member of the Governor's Council he has left indelible marks of most successful administration. His devotion to duty and his conciliatory policy made him popular, and his name will be remembered with affection and gratitude by the people of this Presidency for a longe time to come.

The "Kaiser-i-Hind" writes: As far as the city of Bombay is concerned it may be truthfully observed that his memory will be long cherished with the scheme of the colossal water works which, during his career as Municipal Commissioner of Bombay, was first launched, thanks to the public spirit of the well-known members of the Corporation of the day. But for his own enthusiasm and energy, perhaps, the many project might not have advanced so rapidly as it did. But Mr. Ollivant was deeply convinced of the necessity of an extended supply of water demanded by the growing population add trade of the city. Hence he threw his whole heart and soul into the construction of the Tansa lake—a colossal work of great public utility, unsurpassed in the world save in three or four places. He fully deserves all the credit for the lion share he had in this matter. The reorganisation of the Assessment Department is chiefly owing to his energy and ability. It did immense financial good to the Municipality for which the city's cordial thanks are due to this capable ædile who made his office a record one by the length of time he filled it. No Municipal Commissioner served the city so laboriously, conscientiously, and with fair popularity, for fully ten years as Mr. Ollivant. His courtesy, tact and judgment were universally acknowledged.

THE WILL FORGERY CASE.

Referring to the Will Forgery case, the "Rast Goftar" remarks: The case placed before the Bombay jury was no doubt surrounded with intricacies of no light nature, but thanks to the detective genius of Mr. Harry Brewin, the Assistant Inspector General of Police, and his officers, and to the patient and unsparing labours of the Advocate-General assisted in a way as he was by the Court and the jury, the offenders have been brought to justice. The punishment dealt out to them is as exemplary and deterrent as it ought to be and the public will now only await to see how fate overtakes Sanjana who as the Chief Justice remarked was the Hamlet of the piece.

The "Voice of India" writes: The conviction of the five accused for participation in a daring and clever will forgery and the sentence of seven years' rigorous imprisonment passed on them by the learned Chief Justice seem to have been received with some relief in Bombay. The forgery, which was backed up by a conspiracy and perjury, was of a type rarely to be found on our side.—The thread of the crime was cleverly picked up by the police, who unravelled the story in a way which convinced the jury of the guilt of the prisoners. The tale of conspiracy and forgery as told in the witness-box during the sessions was rather complicated, but the real issue in the case, as regards the implication of some or all of the accused in the crime, was never left in doubt.

H. H. THE AGA KHAN.

The Mahomedan community are pleased at the invitation to H. H. the Aga Khan to be present at the Coronation. Says the "Rast Goftar"—It is gratifying to notice that after all his Highness the Aga Khan has received an invitation to attend the Coronation in London, and left these shores yesterday amid the greetings of a large number of his followers and no less number of his friends. Quite a disappointment was caused among the native communities, and particulary the Mahomedans of Bombay, that such an important member of the Bombay community should be left out from the list of invitations. His Highness the Aga Khan holds a peculiar position in Bombay society. Though the religious head of only a very small section of the Mahomedan community he is looked upon with equal regard and esteem by the Mahomedans of every creed. Whenever there is a public movement affecting the well being of the community he is expected to take a lead in the matter, and his presence on such occasions is considered a sure guarantee of the success of the thing undertaken. The courteous and noble bearing of the young nobleman has won the hearts of people of every class community.

THEFTS AT MESSRS. KEMP AND COMPANY'S.

YESTERDAY, at the Esplanad Police Court, before Mr. T.J. Strangmen, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Walker charged Gungaram Baji, a "ghatee" lad aged 9, in the employ of Messrs. Kemp and Company as an errand boy, with stealing one bottle of honey and one bottle of pepsin wine belonging to the company. The accused had been a servant of the company for the last 3 years. Mr. Walker stated that there had been complaints of late from Messrs. Kemp and Company about some of their articles being stolen. Upon this a watch was kept by the police in plain clothes near the company's shop. On Monday evening at about 6 o'clock, NarayanSonu, p.c., No.1245, saw the accused coming out of the shop and handing a bottle to another boy nameed Vithoo. The policeman arrested the accused and on search found the bottles in question from him. The house of the accused was then searched and some empty bottles, some containing medicine, and some packets bearing the labels of Kemp and Company were recovered. On searching the box of Bhicaji Baji, the elder brother of the accused, a bottle of lozenges, a box of pills, and a syringe were also found. Mr. Alfred Pell, general manager to Messrs. Kemp and Company, identified the property as belonging to the company. The accused admitted having stolen the property recovered from his house. He was therefore further charged with the theft of the property found in his house. The accused having pleaded guilty to both the charges the Magistrate sentenced him to receive 7 stripes on the first charge, and to undergo one day's simple imprisonment on the other.

In the same court Inspector Walker charged Bhicaji Baji, the brother of the accused in the previous case, with receiving and retaining property stolen by his brother in the case above. Mr. Kotewal, pleader, defended the accused. The accused said that Gungaram had given him the property in question for safe custody. He did not know that the property was a stolen one. The Magistrate sentenced him to receive 10 stripes and to undergo one day's simple imprisonment.

INDIA AND THE CORONATION.

THE MAHARAJA OF JAIPUR.

ELABORATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE VOYAGE.

GREAT preparations are being made for the voyage to England of His Highness the Maharaja Sawai Madhav Singh of Jaipur to attend the King-Emperor's Coronation. Unmindful of expense his Highness has sent Raja Udai-Singh and Pandit Jainath Atal, the Revenue Dewan, to Bombay with a retinue to fit up the steamer engaged for the voyage in proper Hindoo style. The Olympia, of the Anchor Line Company, has been chartered, and no other passengers but the Maharaja's party, consisting of 125 persons, will be allowed on board. Six kitchens have been fitted up—one for the family deity going with the Maharaja, one for his Highness himself, one for the Sirdar of Jazeem, one for Pandit Madhusudan Das, the attendant Pandit, one for the other Brahmin followers, and one for miscellaneous cooking. In addition to the bath-rooms already on board, arrangements for four new ones have been made. The big water tank to be used by all passengers will be always kept neat and clean by his Highness's own men, under the superintendence of Pandit Baijnath Chowbey, a Brahmin of a very high order. Drinking water from the Ganges and food sufficient for six months are being taken on board. No one but his Highness' men will be allowed to enter the space allotted for the use of the Maharaja and his party. The cabin to be used by his Highness has been made very comfortable. A marble pavement has been made with silk curtains hung on all four sides for placing and worshipping the family idol. The steamer authorities have solemnly promised not to allow beef or veal on board the steamer. In addition to £10,000 paid to Messrs. Thomas, Cook and Son, the Maharaja has jewellery insured by them for Rs. 45,000. Rs. 15,00,000 have been deposited with the Company for his Highness's expenses during the tour. Particular care is being taken not to be under the necessity of purchasing anything or having any work done by foreigners. Even soil for cleansing utensils, &c., is being taken on board, and washermen, carpenters, blacksmiths, &c., are accompanying. Rigid Hinduism in its truest sense is being observed, and the rigidity of the plan of his Highness has filled every true Hindu heart with infinite pleasure.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

Something quite new, in the form of an exercise book for budding Greek scholars, has made its appearance in Germany. Into this "Greek Reader" have been packed all sorts of delightful and almost unknown specimens of the literature of ancient Greece, such as fables, fairy tales, stories, &c, adapted for young people. There are also examples of the work done by the pupils of the Græco-Roman schools some twenty centuries ago. The following for instance, is the account of his daily routine work by a Roman schoolboy. He writes: "I wake up before sunrise, leave my bed, sit down with my straps and shoes and put on my shoes. Then water for washing is brought to me. I wash first my hands, then my face, take off my night-cap, put on my undergarment, anoint and comb my hair, arrange my neck-cloth, put on a white upper garment and a wrapper. Then I leave my bedroom together with my tutor and my maid, salute my father and mother and leave the house." The mixture of Spartan abstinence in leaving home without a breakfast and of the altogether un-Spartan luxury of an attendant tutor and maid is suggestive. The youth goes on to explain, with a deliciously pedantic air, "I reach the school, enter, and say Good morning, my teacher. He returns the salutation. My slave hands slates, pen-box, and pencil to me. I sit down in my place and write, and then I cross out what I have written. I write from a copy and show it to the teacher. He corrects and crosses out what is bad. Then he makes me read aloud. Meanwhile the small boys have to learn their letters and spell out syllables. One of the bigger boys reads to them. Others write verses, and I go in for a spelling competition. Then I decline and analyse some verses. When I have done all this I go home to breakfast. I change my clothes, and then I eat white bread and olives; cheese, figs, and nuts, and drink some cold water. After breakfast I go back to school. I find the reader reading aloud, and he says, Now we will begin at the beginning. This schoolboy performance goes a long way to show once more that there is nothing new under the sun, not even the trivial round of the modern school boy.

The flow of generosity on the part of the public to the troops in South Africa has tailed off very greatly of late. A letter from a correspondent just received may partly explain the reason. "Two years ago," the writer says, "I sent a not altogether insignificant present of 60,000 cigars; not 600 or 6,000, but 60,000. I applied to the War Office for the proper address, and had this painted (along with my own name at the side) on the cases; Care of the General Commanding the Line of Communications, Cape Town.' From that day to this I have had no kind of thanks—not even an acknowledgment."

To illustrate the growth of clubland in the West End it may be mentioned, writes a correspondent that when Queen Victoria ascended the Throne there were only a dozen clubs on the routes of the coming Coronation processions, with a membership of 15,500; now there are thirty-nine, with a membership of 52,000. The Army and Navy Club, and the Reform Club, Pall Mall, the first having 2,400 members and the latter 1,400, were founded in 1837, and have been omitted from the list of those in existence when the late Queen succeeded to the Throne. The oldest club is White's, founded in 1730, and its records are stated to be perfect from 1836. Next come Boodle's, 1762; Brooks's, 1764; and Arthur's, 1765. Two clubs were founded in 1832, when the first Reform Bill was passed, the Carlton and the City of London.

Clapham can now boast a unique example of practical Christianity. The new wing of the Methodist Free Church, in Paradise-road, has been built by the hands of the congregation themselves, assisted by a few friends. Bricklaying, carpentry, painting, and roofing has done been done entirely by amateurs, some forty persons having been thus engaged all through the winter evenings, and at other times of leisure. The materials cost over £100, but not a penny was expended on labour.

As the inventors are now turning their attention to processes for opening safes, the profession of housebreaking ought soon to become highly lucrative. There was first the thermite process, by which a hole could be bored in any thickness of plate by applying a sufficient quantity of this ignited powder for the requisite length of time. Now comes the carbon, point, which is said to cut through steels as if it were soft butter. The Treasury Department of the United States are said to be so impressed by this latter method that they are no longer buying safes, but are putting their trust in a complete system of automatic electric bells and redoubling the safeguards provided by private watchmen. The carbon point is the invention of Julius E. Haschke, a Chicago electrician, and the object of the inventor was not, of course, to aid the dark-lantern fraternity, but to supply a means of cutting steel and iron bars in the construction of buildings, bridges, &c.

Charity covers many sins, and the jewish World tells how a provincial co-religionist made it cover the sin of desecrating the Sabbath. Mr. Isaacs kept his clothing store open on the Sabbath. One Sabbath morning a local Christian clergyman, who was friendly with many members of the community, remonstrated with Mr. Isaacs when passing his establishment. "I am really surprised, Mr. Isaacs,' said the cleric, genially," that a right good jew such as you should do business on the Sabbath." "And do you call this business?" replied Mr, Isaacs, pointing to a ready-made suit on one of the dummies in the doorway, marked 17s., "Why, this is charity."

A Commission appointed by the Governor of Natal has just issued a report on the Civil Service of that Colony in which it recommends substantial increases of salary for all the higher officials as there has been universal dissatisfaction in the service at the inadequacy of salaries when the enhanced cost of living due to the war is taken into account. The Commission further suggests that special inducements should be offered for proficiency in shorthand, typewriting, the Zulu and Indian languages. Compulsory retirement at the age of sixty-five is advocated by the Commission.

The British Chemical Company are winding up their business in the island of Tiree. The abandonment of the long-established kelp industry, which has afforded regular employment to all the available local workpeople, is regarded as nothing short of a disaster by the numerous squatters and the poorer class of crofters on the island. A few decades ago kelp-making constituted an important Highland industry; but for many years back it has been rapidly waning. At the beginning of last century kelp realised from £20 to £22 per ton, and the Hebrides produced about 20,000 tons per annum. The importation of barilla then began, and for the twenty-two years ending 1822 the average price was £10 10s. The duty was then taken off barilla and the price of kelp dropped to £3 10s.; and in 1823, on the removal of the salt duty, it fell to £3, and in 1831 to £2. Kelp was used for the sake of its soda as late as 1845 in the soap and glass factories of Glasgow.

The Duc de Chaulnes et Picquigny, whose marriage with Miss Gebhardt, the Transatlanic heiress, is being talked about, represents a branch of D'Albert, Duc de Luynes. The family is of Italian origin. Thomas Alberti was established in France in 1415. The Luynes property was acquired by the marriage of Honore d'Albert with Jeanne de Segur in 1535. Another Honore acquired the Comte of Chaulnes by his marriage with Charlotte d'Ailly, Comtesse de Chaulnes. The Comte was made a Duchy of Chaulnes and Picquigny in 1621, the latter title becoming extinct in 1698. It has, however, been more than once revived. The title of Marquis de Dangeau, for instance, was subsequently acquired by Charles Francois, Duc de Chaulnes et de Picquigny, by his marriage with the only daughter of the last Dangeau. There was another revival in 1741, followed by another extinction three years later. And yet another; in favour of Paul d'Albert de Luynes, born in 1852, who died in 1881. The son of this Paul by Sophia Augusinouna, Princess Galitzin, is the present Emmanuel d'Albert de Luynes d'Ailly, ninth Duc de Chaulnes et de Picquigny, born in Paris April 10, 1878, whose sister, Therese d'Albert de Luynes, born in 1876 married, in 1894, Louis de Crussal, fourteenth Duc d'Uzes.

Eglinton Castle, by Irvine, County Ayr, where the Earl and Countess of Eglinton are entertaining a distinguished company this week, is, as it now stands, the work of the twelth earl, Hugh (1793), who likewise built Ardrossan its harbour. The present peer is George Arnulph fifteenth earl, born in 1848, married in 1873 to Lucretia, daughter of Boyd Cunninghame, of Craig Ends, County Renfrew and successor to his brother Archibald William fourteenth earl who died some ten years ago. Their father was Archibald William the thirteenth Earl Grandson and heir of the twelfth Earl who was born September 12 1812 at Palermo. It was he who made Eglinton Castle famous in the annals of chivalry by the tournament he held there, in 1839, on Thursday, August 28th and following days.

WRITERS AND READERS.

A NEW novel by Lucas Cleeve entitled "Blue lilies" will be published by Mr. T. Fisher Unwin next week in his Colonial Library. The time of the novel is 1900, and the heroine is a rich and fascinating person who leaves her husband's roof on account of his unfaithfulness. She takes the castle of an impecunious young nobleman, whose poverty is due to the disappearance of the will made by his predecessor in his favour. Unaware of his identity the heroine engages him as her head gardener, and in the relations of mistress and servant they drift delicately into love. Here are the germs of a romance which makes very pleasant reading. It is delicately treated by the author, who works out the plot with skill until the successful ending is accomplished.

President Roosevelt, who is himself a man of letters, has accepted the dedication of the American edition of Mr. Alfred Austin's new volume of poems. For this edition the Poet Laureate has written a special preface, which he addresses to the American people. In large part it deals with, and describes the English Laureateship as a literary and historical institution.

A great deal of new material is to be included in the collected edition of John Ruskin's writings. This is quite apart from the diaries he kept which will, no doubt, eventually be published in full. Those who intend to subscribe to the collected Ruskin will be interested to hear that the price is definitely fixed at a guinea net, the volume. A the moment, it is difficult to say exactly how many volumes there will be, but not less than thirty, and not more than thirty-two.

Miss Helen Blackburn has been one of the most ardent workers for the Women's Suffrage movement in this country. She has just finished a book which is an account of it, with personal memories of many fellow-workers. A full biographical sketch is given of Miss Lydia Becker, whose life-story covers the earlier history of the movement. Miss Blackburn also brings her readers into touch with John Stuart Mill, who raised the subject in Parliament, and with other familiar figures. Messrs. Williams and Norgate announce the book.

Mrs. Julia Cartwright, whose books on art subjects are well known, has a new one preparing with Mr. Murray. It is a study of an attractive page in the Italian Renaissance, and of some attractive figures. The central figure is Isabella D'Este, one of the most accomplished women of her day. She was Marchioness of Mantua, and sister of the even more famous Beatrice D'Este, who married the Duke of Milan. Their Courts at Mantua and Milan were the resort of many celebrities, including Leonardo, who painted portraits of the sister.

An intimate biography of the missionary hero, James Chalmers, of New Guinea, will be most welcome. It is to be published, on the first day of May, by the Religious Tract Society. The author of it is the Rev. Richard Lovett, who has had access to every possible source of information. Among the papers in the possession of Chalmers's family was a personal autobiography that he had prepared. It has been incorporated into the biography, which, as a whole aims at this—to depict the man as he was, his thoughts, his deeds, his enthusiasm and his martyr's death.

As will be remembered, Dr. Harnack's book, "What is Christianity ?" was very closely criticised by some of our Oxford scholars. His translator and most intimate English friend, Mr. Bailey Saunders, is taking up the cudgels in his defence. He is publishing with Messrs. Williams and Norgate, a reply, under the title "Professor Harnack and his Oxford Critics." The volume is based on a lecture which Mr. Bailey Saunders recently delivered before the Socratic Society of the Birmingham University. In effect, it is a reaffirmation of the striking views which Professor Harnack sets out in "What is Christianity ?"

Bishop Potter, of New York, originated a newspaper correspondence which recently took place in America on the mutual relations of employer and employed. Cardinal Gibbons and many other well-known Americans—lawyers, economists, reformers, and labour leaders—took part in it. The questions asked, discussed, and, as far as possible, answered, covered the whole relationship of labour and capital. The gist of the correspondence has been edited by the Rev. Dr. Peters into a book which Messrs. Putnam will issue here. Dr. Peters will be remembered as having carried out a series of interesting excavations in Palestine.

Mr. E. V. Lucas has made good progress with the edition of Charles Lamb's complete works which he is editing for Messrs. Methuen. It will be in seven volumes and these will be issued at the always popular price of six shillings. They are to have many illustrations referring to Charles Lamb and to Mary Lamb, for her writings are also included in the edition. It will be found to contain a large quantity of new prose and verse. Mr. Lucas has attempted in the notes not only to relate Lamb's writings to his life, but to account for all his quotations and allusions surely a high ideal of thoroughness.

A volume with the title "The Commonwealth as Publican" will be issued in a few days by Messrs. Constable. It is an up-to date examination of the proposals to municipalise the drink traffic on the lines of the Gothenburg system. The author is Mr. John Walker, who has made a study of the working of the present licensing laws. The book is at once critical and historical. It professes to be neither a prohibitionist tract nor an apology for the present system. What Mr. Walker does is to leave facts and figures to speak for themselves. His own view is, perhaps, adverse to the adoption in England of the Gothenburg method of regulating the drink traffic.

The book of impressions of England, in the reigns of the first two Georges, which Mr. Murray is publishing, has rather an interesting history. The author of it, M. de Saussure, was a young French refugee, who, came from Geneva to London. He had good introductions to the English gentry; and so was able to see social and political life here at close quarters. Being a dutiful son, he regularly wrote long letters to his parents at Geneva. These were preserved, and Voltaire seems, at one time, to have seen them, but only now are their contents being published. The letters have been translated into English by Muyden, and they will be well illustrated with old views of London.

Concerning Fiction.—An English translation of a novel by Matilde Serao, The Conquest of Rome," will appear shortly.—John Strange Winter is publishing, with Messrs. White, a story which has the title "A Blaze of Glory."—Sundowner, who has won some name for Australasian tales, is issuing with Messrs. Chatto a volume called "The Tale of the Serpent."—"Scacklett, a novel which Mr. Fisher Unwin is just publishing, is a study partly of heredity and partly of contemporary American politics. The author is Mr. Walter Barr.—A young English writer, Mr. Edmund Forbes, is travelling in Japan, with a view to collecting material for a novel. He intends also to visit the Malay States and China.—Mr. Robert Barr thinks highly of a novel of pioneer life, in the American Far West, which Messrs. Constable are publishing here. It is by Mr. Stewart E. White, and Mr. Barr says of it :—To think that all that splendid material has been lying there all these years, and that no one ever had the sense to see it."

Bric-a-Brac—Mr. Justin McCarthy has now written a good part of the second volume of his history of Queen Anne. Messrs. Chatto will publish the work in the early autumn. An account of the fighting done in Natal by the naval brigade has been written by Lieutenant Burne, who took part in it. Mr. Arnold will publish the book—Two new volumes on which Bishop Welldon has been engaged will be issued forthwith by Messrs. Macmillan. They both refer to religious subjects.—Next week Messrs. Constable will publish a study of "Tiberius the Tyrant," by Mr. J. le Traver, who has written a life of Gustave Flaubert. It is a large work, the result of years of study, and it has a frontispiece picture of Tiberius.—Mr. W. J. Loftie has written an introduction for a new edition, which Messrs. Cassell announce, of Mr. Hepworth Dixon's history of the Tower of London. A series of coloured plates have been prepared for the edition.—Mr. Arnold is just issuing Mr. J. G. D. Campbell's book on Siam which is written as a result of residence there. Mr. Campbell, who is now one of his Majesty's inspectors of schools, was educationl adviser to the Siamese Government.

Admirers of the versatile Mr. Belloc's work, either his "Danton" series or the lighter vein of "Lembkin's Remains," are now to expect something new and different from both. Its title, "The Road to Rome." is somewhat unfortunate. Reminiscent of a certain species of Paternoster-row theology, or Huysmans's "En Route," those who know his vigorous and liberal-minded author, know better than to expect that kind of thing of him.

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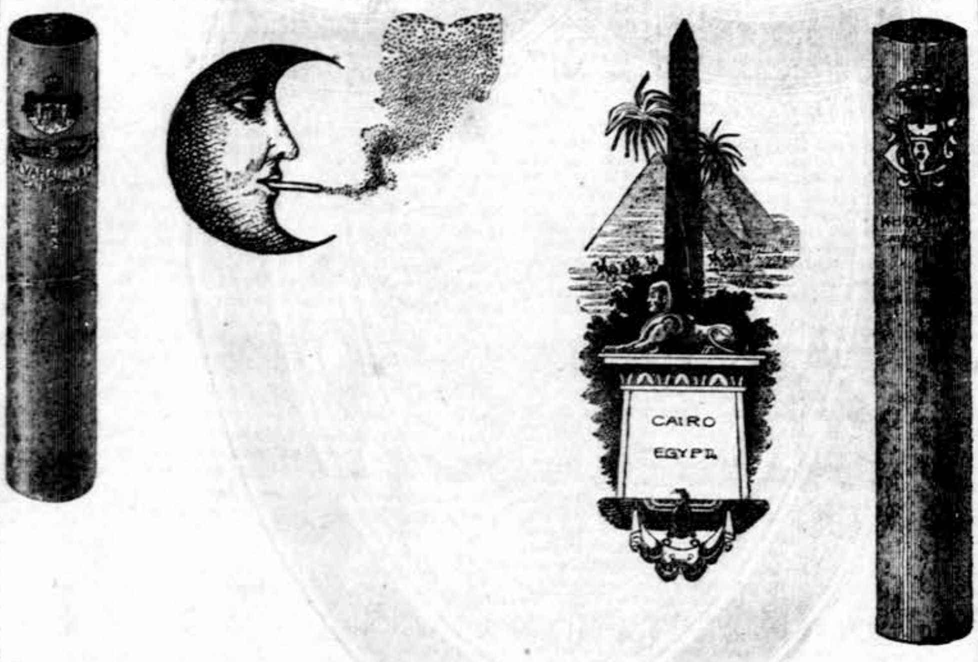

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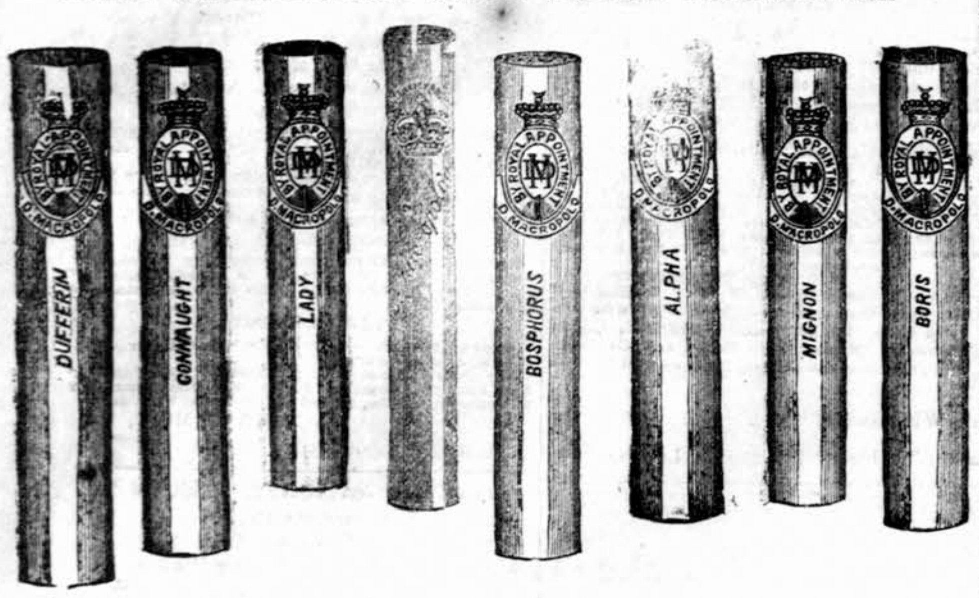

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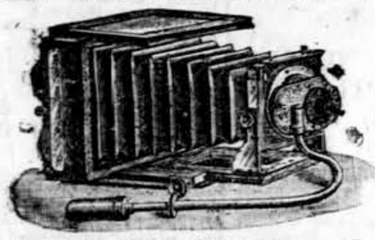

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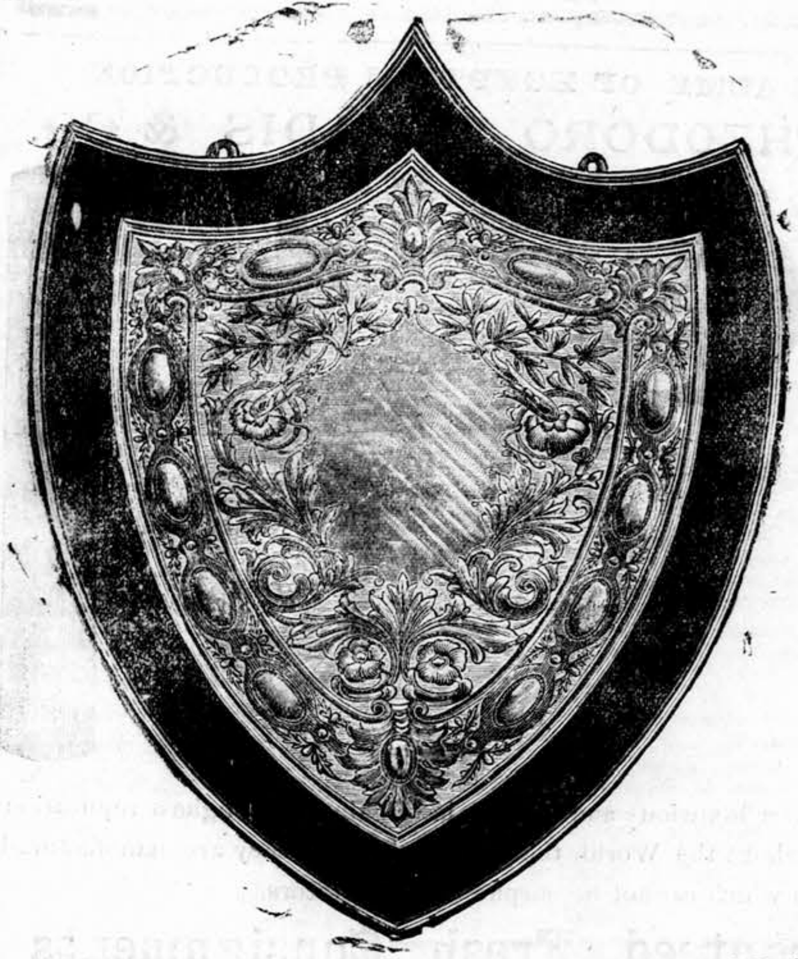

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